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SEVEN MAKE CUP BID



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Today we fly out of Mexico City for Costa Rica and two warm up matches before the World Youth Championships. It will be a vitally important journey for seven members of the Australian squad.

The seven who have everything at stake in these two games are Tony Dakos, Joe Rizzotto, Paul Daley, Rene Licata, Steve Glockner, Danny Wright and Anthony Franken.

If the Youth Socceroos were playing this week in the WYC I don't think any

FROM DAVID JACK, with the Youth team in Mexico City

of the seven would be selected. I am sure that coach Les Scheinflug has al-

ready made up his mind about the 11 players he would like to field in the opening match against Mexico here on June 2.

The team Scheinflug has in mind is Chris Hummel, Roy Jones, Ralph Maier, Ray Vlietstra, Tommy McCulloch, Jim Patikas,

Russell Stewart, Fabio Incantalupo, David Lowe, Rod Brown, Frank Farina. The Australian coach does not disguise his feel-

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BRIGHTON

HOLD UNITED

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

For the third consecutive year, the world famous English F.A. Cup Final ended in a draw after Brighton fought back magnificently to level the scores just three minutes from normal fulltime against the star-studded Manchester United.

The scores remained deadlocked at 2-2, even after 30 minutes of extra time.

The unfancied Brighton strode on to Wembley Stadium without their tough centre-back skipper Steve Foster, who missed the match through suspension.

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Manchester United's Alan Davies (right) goes for the ball with Gary Howlett of Brighton during the FA Cup Final.



EDITORIAL

AT a time when Soccer needs every second of air time and every centimetre of newspaper space, a man like Frank Arok is a priceless asset to the code.

As coach of St George and manager of that club, and also as caretaker coach of Australia's national team, Arok is constantly being contacted by the media. He responds magnificently. Rarely does a sports writer leave empty-handed after tapping Arok for a story.

For that reason alone, we were surprised recently when Frank Arok had to take some pretty hefty criticism from his fellow coaches.

Two in particular — Tommy Docherty and Eddie Thomson — do not appear to be Arok fans.

Writing in the Sydney Sunday Telegraph, Eddie Thomson got stuck into Arok in a big way, his main gripe being that Arok was making too many team changes in his squad to face England here next month.

"Heaven forbid! Australian Soccer is not ready for another Rudi Gutendorf stage production," wrote Eddie.

Thomson, the man lined up to coach Australia before the surprise switch to Arok, bluntly condemns the selection of players like Steve Perry and Gerardo Gomez ... even though Gomez is one of Thomson's own club players at Sydney City.

Tommy Docherty is also on the "knock Arok" bandwagon. Talking on his usual 2GB segment on Sydney radio, The Doc lashed out at Arok for quite different reasons.

Docherty clearly thought Arok's revolutionary scheme to refund gate money to dissatisfied Soccer spectators was a great big joke.

He made disparaging remarks about St George's match attendances, suggesting it wouldn't cost Saints anything to give the fans their money back.

The Doc also commented that he didn't know how Frank Arok found time to do any coaching — so preoccupied was he with dreaming up gimmicks to gain publicity.

It used to be said that in Soccer dog doesn't eat dog. In other words, the strong fraternity among coaches, referees — even press men — precluded people in their own sphere from attacking each other.

Eddie Thomson and Tommy Docherty have broken that unwritten rule.

We don't think Arok will be too distressed: we do not think he will suddenly dry up and start handing the media the dreary "no comment" replies favoured by many other Soccer officials.

Arok is a fully qualified journalist. He knows a story when he sees it. And he goes to great lengths to feed stories to the media when asked to do so.

This makes Arok a precious jewel among coaches. If every club in the National League had a man of his perception, a coach with the ability to communicate with the media with similar skill, the Soccer writer's task would be as easy as falling off a log.

At the same time, all those officials of the round ball code who keep lamenting that Soccer does not get a fair go when it comes to publicity would suddenly find the sport being projected lavishly on TV, radio and in the papers.

It is, indeed, strange that a man like Tommy Docherty should criticize Arok for gimmickry. Nobody in the world is better than The Doc at dreaming up outlandish, yet extremely newsworthy, stories. Docherty should be applauding Arok — not chastising him.

ASW's message to Frank Arok is ... KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. SOCCER NEEDS YOU.

SEVEN MAKE CUP BID

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ings that this is the team which did so much to get Australia into this competition and he would like to remain loyal to these 11 players.

But, he did say in a press conference here yesterday: "It is possible in Costa Rica that the reserve players will show me something that will cause me to pick them against Mexico."

"All seven are in contention, two in particular being Tony Dakos of Sydney Olympic and Joe Rizzotto of Marconi."

"The games in Costa Rica will settle a lot of arguments, but I have been very pleased with the work put in by Dakos and Rizzotto since they were called into the squad."

Australian officials have been very concerned about the effects of high altitude and smog in Mexico City. Indeed, after only one day here Lowe, Vlietstra, Jones and Licata were all suffering from breathing troubles.

But, 24 hours later, Scheinflug was happy to announce that they had all bounced back to recovery.

A cloud having over the

squad is a possibility that Farina, who was sent off in Costa Rica in the qualifying tournament, could be suspended from the opening match against Mexico.

Scheinflug, however stated firmly: "I am convinced that he will be permitted to play. His sending off in that previous series will not keep him out of the World Youth Finals."

Even so, until firm confirmation comes from FIFA, it is possible that this winger from Canberra Arrows could be ruled out.

Now we are heading for Costa Rica and a couple of vital games for the seven outsiders in the Youth Soccer squad.



Youth League produces the rising stars

BY PETER RUSSELL

THE National Youth League has been in operation now for two full seasons and is currently in the early stages of its third.

Although the competition only encompasses the New South Wales based clubs at present, the quality of its product can already be seen in the standard of young players emerging through its ranks to the NSL and Australian National Youth sides.

Just look at this list of names that have thus far emerged:

CANBERRA ARROWS: Andrew Young, Frank Farina, Chris Hummel, Jim Murray, John Motosopoulos and Marko Perinovic. **LEICHHARDT:** Paul Carter, Ian Gray, Robert De Ceglie. **MARCONI:** Tommy McCulloch, Joe Rizzotto, Attilio Carbone, Rene Licata,

and Rod Brown. **NEWCASTLE:** David Lowe, Howard Tredinnick, Ralph Maier, Brett Gemmel, Nigel Drysdale, Bernard Kerby, Brett Cowburn, Simon Brandt, Grant Lee. **OLYMPIC:** Peter Wilson, Mark Kousas, Tony Dakos, Gary Phillips, Terry Patalis, Jim Patikas. **ST GEORGE:** Vince Colagiuri, Andrew Koczka,

LABBOZZETTA REPLIES

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NSL deputy chairman, Tony Labbozzetta has filed a defence with the Australian Soccer Federation over a claim that he approached Sydney Croatia in connection with their joining the League in 1984.

Our writer, John Field last week quoted an unnamed NSW Federation spokesman, who had said that Croatia had apparently been enticed to join the proposed regionalised competition.

On Friday Mr Labbozzetta produced a letter from Sydney Croatia president Mr Tony Topic at the ASF League committee meeting, which is believed to have absolved him from any complicity in the "crime".

He told us: "My integrity is at stake and the NSW Soccer Federation has been called upon to make a statement clearing my name or to substantiate what their spokesman said."

"People who are supposed to be colleagues working in the same game should have the courtesy to make a phone call to check their information."

"In future such matters should not arise."

Mr Labbozzetta in any



TONY LABBOZZETTA

event defended his right to talk to Mr Topic, a friend of some years, at any time and on any subject that he wishes to raise.

"It is public knowledge that Croatia applied to join the National League last year. They have said that they still wish to join if the opportunity arises," he added.

Mr Labbozzetta believes that NSL clubs, having poured many millions into establishing Australia's best ever com-

petition, should be applauded for their present initiative.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

St George 2 (Marton, Skeen) Footscray 1 (Purdie) at Barton Park. Crowd: 2710.

Leichhardt (Bradley, Mariani) Canberra 1 (G. Byrne) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 875.

Preston 4 (Campbell, Lucchesi, Odzakovic, Barnes o.g.) Sydney City 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 3,000.

Newcastle 3 (Boogaard, Lee, Mountford) Brisbane Lions 0 at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 2,800.

Heidelberg 0 Adelaide City 1 (Rankin) at Heidelberg Village. Crowd: 2,500.

Brisbane City 1 (Hamilton) Marconi 1 (Bozanic) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 2,000.

West Adelaide 0 South Melbourne 1 (Brown) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2,428.

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A number of interstate NSL clubs and State League teams have also benefited from the NYL, including: **S.M. HELLAS:** Oscar Crino. **BRISBANE LIONS:** Danny Wright. **BRISBANE CITY:** Glenn Ahearn. **MONARO:** Alan Reis. **AUBURN:** Chris Townson. **KU-RING-GAI:** Steven Knight.

It is interesting to note that Newcastle, the club with the largest number of players who graduated through the NYL is now sitting pretty at the top of the National League table.

Irrespective of the out-

come of regionalisation plans for the senior National League, it is believed that plans are afoot to make the NYL truly National by insisting that all NSL member clubs field a team in the Youth League. This will have a great impact on Soccer in this country and probably to a far greater extent than the introduction of the Phillips League back in 1977.

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES:

SAT: Sydney City v St George 1.00pm, Sydney Ath. Fld. **Sun:** A.I.S. v Wollongong 1.00pm, Bruce Stadium, Olympic v Newcastle Pratten Park, Marconi v Leichhardt Maconi Stadium.

THE WEEKEND NSL PROGRAM

SYDNEY CITY	v	SOUTH MELBOURNE
HEIDELBERG	v	WOLLONGONG
ADELAIDE CITY	v	ST GEORGE
FOOTSCRAY	v	BRISBANE CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	v	NEWCASTLE K.B.
BRISBANE LIONS	v	PRESTON
CANBERRA	v	WEST ADELAIDE
MARCONI	v	LEICHHARDT

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		W	D	L	F	A	P	
NEWCASTLE	10	6	2	2	19	8	20	3	2	0	8	2	11		3	—	2	11	6	9	
PRESTON	10	5	4	1	16	8	19	4	1	0	10	3	13		1	3	1	6	5	6	
ST GEORGE	9	5	2	2	10	6	17	4	1	0	8	3	13		1	1	2	2	3	4	
BRISBANE CITY	9	4	3	2	15	14	15	3	1	1	11	7	10		1	2	1	4	7	5	
SYDNEY CITY	10	4	3	3	13	15	15	2	3	0	7	3	9		2	—	3	6	12	6	
MARCONI	10	4	2	4	15	14	14	3	1	1	10	8	10		1	1	3	5	6	4	
WEST ADELAIDE	10	4	2	4	9	10	14	3	—	3	6	6	9		1	2	1	3	4	5	
ADELAIDE CITY	10	4	2	4	11	13	14	2	1	1	6	5	7		2	1	3	5	8	7	
HEIDELBERG	10	3	4	3	7	8	13	3	1	1	6	2	10		—	3	2	1	6	3	
SOUTH MELBOURNE	10	3	3	4	12	14	12	1	2	2	6	7	5		2	1	2	6	7	7	
CANBERRA	10	3	2	5	18	13	11	3	1	1	13	4	10		—	1	4	5	9	1	
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	9	3	2	4	11	10	11	1	1	3	6	5	4		2	1	1	5	5	7	
LEICHHARDT	9	3	2	4	8	10	11	3	1	0	5	1	10		—	1	4	3	9	1	
BRISBANE LIONS	9	3	1	5	13	15	10	3	—	1	11	2	9		—	1	4	2	13	1	
FOOTSCRAY	10	2	2	6	6	21	8	1	1	3	3	12	4		1	1	3	3	9	4	
WOLLONGONG	9	1	4	4	14	18	7	—	3	1	5	6	3		1	1	3	9	12	4	

EUROPEAN CUP FINAL LIVE CHANNEL 0-28

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEXT Thursday morning, (May 26) at 4 am, Channel 0-28, the Soccer station, will again bring LIVE into Australia via satellite, the full telecast of the European Cup Final between SV Hamburg of Germany and Juventus of Italy.

Highlights will be repeated that same evening at 6pm.

The telecast will be presented by Channel 0-28's Les Murray, with his guest in the studio, Tommy Docherty, coach of Sydney Olympic.

Special Broadcasting Service, has also arranged for the Cup to have a simulcast in the Italian language on Ethnic radio stations 2EA and 3EA.

On paper, Juventus looks a clear winner all the way with their enormous galaxy of international stars on display, boasting no less than eight World Cup players. One such star being the magnificent French World Cup skipper, Michel Platini operating from the midfield.

Juventus' line-up should be: Zoff; Gentile, Brio, Scirea and Cabrini in the back-four, whilst across the "middle" they will have Bonnini, Platini, Boniek and Tardelli.

Upfront for the Ita-

lians will be Bettiga and Rossi, the dynamic striking duo.

The Juventus team can boast 422 full international caps between them, of which goalkeeper and captain, Dino Zoff, has earned 111 of them.

This will be Bettiga's final appearance for the Italians before going to Toronto next year.

The Germans will be best served through Manny Kaltz, Horst Trubesch, Felix

Magath and Lars Bastrop. Midfield star-destroyer, Jimmy Hartwig, will be missing through suspension.

Juventus has qualified 10 times for the European Cup and made the Final only once before in 1973 in Belgrade, but losing to Ajax.

SV Hamburg has qualified only three times, reaching the Cup Final twice. Their last appearance being in 1980 where they



Boniek: set for a big game.

lost to Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest.

Hamburg is coached by Holland's 1978 World Cup man, Ernst Happell.

Both sides are very matured, experienced,

disciplined and cagey outfits, who will play cat and mouse with one another.

Final scoreline will be very tight, the last FIVE European Cup Finals having ended in 1 nil victories.

BRIGHTON HOLD UNITED

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But, Brighton, who have been relegated to the second division next season, stunned the World when they took the lead in the 14th minute through a lovely goal by striker Gordon Smith.

Up until then Manchester United had dominated the play and the goal came as something of a surprise.

It came as a result of only Brighton's second raid downfield into United territory. Linkman, Gary Howett sent in

a cross from the right to the back post where Gordon Smith climbed nicely to send his header past the outstretched United keeper Gary Bailey.

The score remained 1-0 at the break, despite Manchester's enormous monopoly of possession and play.

Brighton held off and soaked up all the United pressure and NOBODY was more magnificent for the "blues" than 21-year-old centre-back, Gary Stevens.

He was superb. He covered with excellence and class and repeatedly came away with the ball from the tackle. He distributed with geometric precision and sprayed balls to all angles of the Wembley pitch often stretching and turning United.

Manchester United, insulted by Brighton's impudence, hit back in the 55th minute through a goal by left-striker Frank Stapleton.

A cross from the right was head-glanced by Norman Whiteside square across the Brighton goalmouth for Stapleton to "roof" his shot into the net from four metres out.

Brighton was further han-

dicapped a minute later when their colourful right-back, Chris Ramsey, went off injured after a vicious tackle by Whiteside. He was replaced in THAT position by striker, Gerry Ryan.

In the 72nd minute United hit the lead for the first time in the Final — and what a glorious goal it was.

Midfield Dutch international Arnold Muhren knocked a long ball wide to the right to pick up the industrious Ray Wilkins. Wilkins easily came inside left-back Pearce and immediately clipped a magnificent left-footed, curling inswinger from 17 metres out that scraped centimetres inside Brighton's left

post. It was an absolutely spectacular goal from the former England captain.

Just three minutes from normal time Brighton snatched the equaliser through Stevens.

Jimmy Case took a corner from the right and picked up Tony Grealish, who knocked it through for Stevens. Stevens "killed" the ball with his left boot and, in one fluent move smashed a right-footed crashing drive that flashed past keeper Bailey's left.

After 30 minutes of extra time, the score still remained at 2-2, even though in the dying minutes, Brighton had a glorious chance to snatch the Cup.

Case knocked a brilliant ball over the top to catch the United back four square. Michael Robinson raced through into the United box but elected unselfishly to knock it out to his right to the unmarked Smith, who blasted straight at Bailey's feet to "bomb" the chance and let slip the F.A. Cup from Brighton's grip.

The Cup will be replayed next Thursday evening at Wembley 7.30pm (Friday 4.30 am Sydney time).

Brighton will have Foster back for this match and don't be surprised if manager, Jimmy Melia slots Foster upfront as a target man to combat United's Gordon McQueen.

HAVE A BEER WITH ROBSON

BY JOHN FIELD

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 at Sydney's Journalists' Club looks like being a great night.

The NSW division of the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) will entertain visiting Fleet Street media people on tour with England's international team.

Only two officials have been invited — the rival coaches, Bobby Robson of England and Frank Arok of Australia.

It'll be a strictly informal affair. Beer, wine and the Journos Club's renowned hot and cold snacks will be provided.

There will be no speeches as such, but Robson and Arok will be asked to say a few words about the three-match international series.

Members of ASPA should contact secretary Alex Vesic immediately

— and certainly before June 5 — to make their bookings.

The cost ... a miserly \$15 a head.

This function is NOT restricted to members of ASPA.

Any Soccer people who'd like to join Robson and Arok for what should be a great night, must contact Alex Vesic and enclose their \$15 cheques.

Write to Vesic at: 71 Charles Street, Ryde, NSW 2112.

But remember, June 5 is deadline day for bookings if we are to give caterers due notice of the numbers who will be present on the night of June 9.

Kick-off on ASPA's big night is 6.30 to 7 p.m.

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1983 European Cup Final — SV Hamburg vs. Juventus (from Greece)
(repeated in World Soccer at 6.00 pm tonight and Saturday at 3.45 pm)

Sunday, May 22, 10.30 pm

NSL MATCH OF THE DAY — Marconi vs. Leichhardt.



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ROUND UP



Dez Marton (St. George) challenges Martyn Rogers (Sydney Olympic) for the ball in a recent match at Pratten Park.

BY GEORGE

By John Economos

ST GEORGE moved up another rung on the NSL ladder when they defeated a lack-lustre Footscray 2-1 at the St George Stadium.

The Saints were fully prepared for a very tight Footscray defence and were determined to score early. This they managed in the eighth minute.

From a Robbie Slater cross from the left, ace goal scorer Dez Marton smashed home from short range.

This forced Footscray to come out. Until that goal, it seemed likely that Footscray would play only Joe Carroll up front and rely on a back five of Taylor, Tuttill, McLeod, Kyriakoules and Hazabent to block out the Saints.

First man to push out of the backline looking to create something constructive for Footscray was right-back Kenny Taylor. He repeatedly ventured into the midfield.

But, St George was always in control and in the 20th minute their little stocky right-back, David Skeen whipped in what at first looked like a long cross to the back post. But, the trajectory of the cross took a different line as it headed for the very top left-hand corner, forcing goalkeeper, Dennis Boland to scramble back to tip the ball just over the cross-bar.

St George's Johnny O'Shea, easily one of the NSL's few, CONSISTENT, high work-rate

players, again put in a solid effort and at long last is looking to hit the target instead of just doing the hard grafting.

Frank Arok could do much worse by NOT ignoring O'Shea's non-stop, top performances and pull him into the Australian squad for the coming England Test series. HE HAS EARNED IT.

In the 39th minute Saints went further ahead through a spectacular 'boomer' by Skeen.

From 35 metres out, and on the right touchline, Skeen saw Boland well off his line and cracked in a very high, diagonal lob that flew over the top of Boland and sailed straight into the net.

Skeen just turned unemotionally to his coach Arok, who was sitting near the touchline, took three steps towards him, shook his hand and walked back to his position for the restart, as if to say to Arok, "How's that son?"

By now, Footscray were playing despondently and lacked any imagination. There was little forward movement and no width in their game.

The only spark of life from them came in the 64th minute when Vlatko Belic whacked a great low through ball that split

St George's two centre-backs David Ratcliffe and Michael O'Shea, for Ian Purdie to latch onto and chip the advancing goalkeeper, Terry Greedy and score.

One player who never stopped trying for Footscray was defender Graham Tutill, who repeatedly drove himself into tackle after tackle, trying to stem the tide.

In the Footscray dressing room, an angry and dejected coach, Bobby McLachlan displayed great displeasure with the standard of refereeing. He also added: "All this on top of my team not playing well is just too much. St George are just a lucky team."

Saints' manager, Arok, laconically, commented: "We are all happy as we've beaten another vodoo by defeating Footscray after so many draws with them. Last week we at long last beat Sydney Olympic and before that we drew with Sydney City. Not bad."

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R.O'Shea; Stone, Wilkinson, J.O'Shea; Slater, Muskovits (Ricoy 68th m), Marton.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland; Taylor, Tuttill, McLeod, Kyriakoules, Hazabent; Curovic, Purdie (Simic 73rd m), Lujic, Belic; Carroll.

Referee: K.Small. CROWD: 2710.

To use Ferguson's words "the win was the necessary injection of courage City needed to complete its recovery."

As for Heidelberg United Sunday's defeat amplified their troubles, particularly in the forward line and the renewed calls for the acquisition of a striker capable of leading the team for the remainder of the season.

City absorbed a lot of pressure in the opening half, during which Heidelberg maintained possession of the ball, but



MATCH PLAN FAILS

BY TOM McKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE'S master plan to beat their goal drought fell apart at Hindmarsh Stadium where it was South Melbourne who grabbed the only goal of the match for their first win in five games.



Dogie Brown

And the man who gained the three vital points for coach Rale Rasic was Doug Brown in the seventh minute.

He latched onto a ball in the left-hand corner of the West box and as Charlie Egan took the West defenders away, Brown hit the ball past goalkeeper Gary Sproul.

But, while South played the more studied Soccer they were perhaps lucky to get away with the spoils.

West's Graham Heys missed an open goal and South's Peter Laumets pulled off two great saves, one from midfielder Micky Brennan, then twice stopped close in shots in a goal mouth skirmish.

Coach Alan Vest had dropped his two regular strikers, Graham Honeyman and Paul Wormley but the introduction of Tim Brown and George Konstandopoulos made no difference.

Brown has played NSL games before but was locked out by Steve Blair and Alan Davidson, and Konstandopoulos was out of his depth in his National League debut.

John Yzdoorn and Bobby Russell, like Blair and Davidson did what they had to do with clinical efficiency and when they did break down Laumets was there.

Up front Egan tore the home defence apart along with Steve Wooddin and Branko Buljevic showed he has still plenty of gile in his battle-scarred legs.

For West, Heys looked the part, but like his fellow front runners could not break the sound defence — apart from that one glaring miss when he had the goal at his mercy.

Brennan did a power of work in the midfield but unless Vest can come up with a couple of killer strikers the team could be a problem.

One piece of good news for West fans is that Soccerroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook is back in full training after being out six weeks with torn knee ligaments and turned in a magnificent performance for the reserves in the State League when Wests beat Berkalla 2-0.

It is expected that Vest will re-instate Honeyman and Wormley.

If there was one thing missing against Souths it was someone like Honeyman, who can hold the ball and prize open defences.

And Wormley's bulk was missed against the giant Blair, who brushed aside the tiny Konstandopoulos and the pencil-slim Brown.

The result must have given South players renewed confidence, but on this showing they have still to fully cash in on their undoubted talents.

But Rasic was delighted and predicted the revival had started.

"It was only one goal, but we missed others. I am delighted. It's just the beginning," he said.

WEST: Sproul, Aney, McGregor, Dunn, McGaghey, Brennan, Atsalas, Manou, Brown (Calandaris 76), Konstandopoulos, Heys.

SOUTHS: Loumets, Russell, Blair, Yzdoorn, Davidson, Holford, Murphy, Wooddin, Egan, Buljevic, Brown (Crino 73).

Referee: J. Rossin.

Crowd: 2428.

FOUR GOAL ROMP

BY JOCK STEPHEN

GOALS at six minutes, 12 minutes and 36 minutes gave Preston a handy lead at half time and they never looked like faltering in their 4-0 drubbing of Sydney City at Connor Reserve. Despite the scoreline I thought that the second half could have been more profitable for them as a host of scoring chances went begging.

Sydney City tried hard to get back into the game, but they had no answer to the clear-cut supremacy of Preston, who had no stars, only winners.

The Connor Reserve ground was in excellent condition and gave the 3,000 spectators plenty to enthuse about.

The first goal came when Murray Barnes put the ball into his own net after a George Campbell left wing cross floated into the

penalty box.

The second goal saw George Campbell lash the ball into the net after good work from Zervako Odzakov.

Peter Ollerton slipped a ball through to Claude Lucchesi for that speedster to leave the Sydney City defence flat-footed for the third goal.

Preston were in the box seat and looking good with half time approaching and their pressure unabating.

In the second half Sydney City showed more composure and class and it was Preston's defence which had to strengthen the cover which Peter Ollerton stretched out to the maximum.

Murray Barnes made a bold effort with an overhead kick at the 61st minute but Richard Wilson covered well.

McMillan went off for about five minutes for side line attention following a collision with David Mitchell, who received a yellow card.

Preston's team work was an eye opener with Campbell, Lucchesi, McMillan, Odzakov and Ward spreading the work in as wide a manner as possible.

Ian Bruce was replaced by Ian Souness at

the 67th minute and a minute later Souness attempted the grand show with a hard driving shot which zoomed the bar, and that was the nearest City got to scoring.

Peter Ollerton said it was a pleasure to win 4-0 after four defeats out of five meetings. The training schedules of the past few weeks are now paying off with goals coming easier.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinis, Flavell, Ilioski, Jones, Ollerton (Petrovski 79), Campbell, Lucchesi, McMillan, Odzakov, Ward.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Cant, Robertson, O'Connor, Bruce (Souness 67), Kay, Watson, Barnes, Gomez, Kosmina, Mitchell.

Referee: E. Venios.

Crowd: 3,000.

NARROW WIN FOR AD. CITY

BY CON NICOLOPOLOUS

ADELAIDE CITY continued their pursuit of the championship leaders with a narrow 1-0 win over ailing Heidelberg United at Olympic Village.

A late goal by Peter Rankin gave City their second successive win and

the strength to continue their uphill battle to arrest the leaders.

Heidelberg maintained possession of the ball, but

managed to reverse the tide of the game through some brilliant attacking work by the younger members of the team and stout defending by Banfield and Bugsy Nyskohus.

Ferguson's well-drilled side looked somewhat subdued in the first half and gave Heidelberg the opportunity to come forward and search for the lead.

Outstanding defender Ian McKie was Heidelberg's attacking avenue in the opening half; McKie carried the ball forward regularly as Glen Dods found it difficult to

hold McKie's advances along the flank.

Despite the precision attacking Heidelberg failed to capitalise on their moves mainly because of wrong tactics used throughout the game; Heidelberg defenders pumped high balls in City's area aiming at Derek Lea, who unfortunately could not challenge in front of Mountford and Nyskohus.

Excellent goalkeeping by McNally denied Heidelberg the lead in the 65th minute; the former Azzuri 'keeper stretched full length to parry a low header by Selemidis from

a Campbell free kick.

McNally felt helpless five minutes later when Valentine rattled the cross bar with a powerful volley again from a Campbell cross.

During Heidelberg's dominance City had locked themselves in defence and relied heavily on break aways with Peter Rankin and Mullen being their prime targets.

Charlie Villani was unlucky not to have found the net in the 36th minute when his close-range shot was deflected by a Heidelberg defender and the ball rebounded off the cross bar.

But the youngster was luckier six minutes before full time when his perfect cross from the right found Rankin inside the box and the burly forward headed it into the net, capping a good performance.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Yankos, Spanos (Patterson 79), McLeod, Valentine, Selemidis, Campbell, Lea, Toro, Angele.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Cole, Dods, Banfield, Nyskohus, Melita, Blair, Carter, Mullen, Rankin, Villani.

Referee: S. Mellings.

Crowd: 2,500.

ROUND UP

EARLY GOALS BLITZ

BY MYLES HAY

NO TEAM in the National Soccer League could have withstood the effects of the onslaught inflicted on Brisbane Lions by League leaders Newcastle KB United. In a breathtaking opening half United produced three goals in the first 23 minutes.

If Brisbane had any ideas of taking a defensive point away from Newcastle the plan was blown sky high in the opening minute when defender Alan Marszalek sent speedy winger Grant Lee crashing to the ground.

From the penalty kick icy-cool Michael Boogaard struck a fine ball past keeper Tony Scanlan and the Lions had to revise their pre-match programme.

The crowd of almost 3,000, packed into the

compact Adamstown Sports Ground, roared their encouragement during one of the most devastating spells of Soccer seen in the district for many years.

Newcastle were without a solitary weakness and Lions were given no chance of repeating the form they had displayed in crushing Brisbane City the previous round.

The ball was switched around with ease and the

speed of David Jones and Lee created all sorts of problems for the young visitors.

But, it was the confident and cultured display of the back four which stood out with Boogaard and Howard Tredinnick in complete control of the flanks.

In the centre of the defence the perambulating work of Peter Burke and Gary Watson was a delight with each compensating the other with uncanny understanding.

The shock early goal which must go down as some sort of record for the earliest penalty kick ever to be awarded — only 16 seconds from the kick off — gave Newcastle the necessary boost for their best home performance this season.

Goals by Lee in the 19th minute and the conversion of another attack by Bob Mountford in the 23rd had ripped the heart out of the Lions, who had at that stage not made even a nodding acquaintance with KB United goalkeeper Clint Gosling.

Newcastle have many hurdles to clear over the next few months and one of the most difficult will be next Sunday's clash against Sydney Olympic which will aptly test KB's title aspirations.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Boogaard, Burke, Watson, Tredinnick, Mason, Cowburn, Jones, Lee, Brandt, Mountford (Senkalski 53).

BRIS LIONS: Scanlan, Marszalek, McClurt, Hunter, Niven, McKimming (Anderson 61), McDonagh, Ogden, Hogg, Stewart, Kelso.

Referee: G. Power (NSW).
Crowd: 2800.

former England manager Ron Greenwood! Christopoulos is having an unhappy season injury-wise.

Of the Canberra players I was particularly struck by the capable defending of Andy Young.

Bas Giampaolo, Bradley and Butler (twice) all went close as Leichhardt piled on the second half pressure and in the 70th minute Mariani collected the winning goal.

Gray's free kick from the right was perfectly weighed and Mariani went up to head it in to Steve Hoszowski's goal.

No-one showed any happiness over the job done by referee Arthur Owens, who did not appear to make

magnificently and got better with every game."

And his best player? "It was a team victory," responded Cork-born White — the Victorian director of coaching whose son Darryn played in the winning team and even grabbed one of the goals.

As an after thought, but with great emphasis White added: "I do want to mention our goalkeeper Mirko Runje. He had a brilliant week."

But, in the final one has to mention Victoria's diminutive striker Warren Spink. He was in superb touch and fired home a great hat-trick.

South Australia's coach Mike Wells felt that beating Victoria in the early game worked against his team, who he felt were not as well motivated on the day as their opponents.

It was a well deserved Victorian victory.

After five minutes John Kanesoulis's shot was headed off the goal line by South Australia's Simon Green.

In the 26th minute Victoria's Lucas Kotz Michalis missed a penalty when he fired against the post and although he found the net with the rebound it of course didn't count as it had not struck an opposing player.

Relentless pressure from Victoria brought it's reward when Spink cracked a superb goal in the 29th minute.



Billy Hamilton (Brisbane City) is challenged for possession by Paul Degney (Marconi) in last week's NSL game.

GLADIATORS FALTER: DRAW

BY MARK BRIGDEN

THE Brisbane City Gladiators unexpectedly faltered against a depleted Marconi at Spencer Park, Brisbane.

The 1-1 draw was a disappointing result for the home side, who proved so dominant in the early stages of the match.

Brisbane City created several opportunities in the first half, mainly through the attacking runs wide on the flanks by fullbacks Steve Perry and Billy Wilkinson.

Indeed it was from a Perry cross that Bobby Hamilton scored, although the goal was disallowed, presumably for a foul on the keeper.

Bruce James, the Marconi keeper, was forced to make good saves from Joe Cairney and Billy Williamson early in the game.

However, he was caught out of position in the 24th minute. A Frank Liddell chip behind the defence found Williamson, who turned and hit a fierce left foot shot into a wide gap left by James.

With the defence looking safe as usual Bobby Hamilton, having an inspired game in midfield and a forward line finding the gaps, Brisbane City appeared to be coasting towards victory.

Indeed, at one stage just after the start of the second half, they had five shots blocked in the goalmouth and it was desperate defence at times like this that kept Marconi in with a chance.

However, as the game wore on Marconi strikers, Socceroo Mark Jankovics and Steve Winn, the re-

allowance for wet weather conditions.

Certainly some players have to be disciplined, but six yellow cards and a countless flow of stoppages did not seem at all necessary in a game that was played in the right spirit.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Carter (De Ceglie 60m), Brown, Bertogna, Mariani, Scharmann, Butler, Gray, Giampaolo, Bradley, Tredinnick.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Hoszowski, Moutsopoulos, Young, Walsh, T. Byrne, Cole, Stone, G. Byrne, Peronovic (Redmond 70m), Gibson, Bryant.

Referee: A. Owens.
Crowd: 875.

Six minutes later it was again Spink who was on target to make it 2-0 — this being the half time score.

Darryn White made it 3-0 and their final goals came in the dying minutes from Claudio Avian and Spink.

All in all it was a great final watched, considering the atrocious weather, by a remarkably generous crowd of almost 10,000.

It brought to an end a great week of Soccer.

For the record the final positions (in order) were Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, NSW, Northern NSW, Queensland and ACT.

Said the president of the ACT Soccer Federation, Roger Grylls: "We had good crowds and good games throughout and there was little difference between the top and the bottom games."

To fill in the gaps from the earlier games before Sunday's play-offs the results were:

Round One: N. NSW 1 v ACT 2; QLD 1 v WA 1; Tas. 1 v NSW 0; Vic. 2 v SA 3.

Round 2: Tas. 1 v QLD 1; Vic. 2 v N. NSW 1; NSW 2 v WA 4; SA 2 v ACT 2.

Round 3: Tas. 0 v WA

1; Vic. 1 v ACT 0; QLD 1 v NSW 2; NSW 3 v SA 6.

Semi Finals — Round Four: ACT 1 v NSW 2; QLD 0 v N. NSW 3; WA 1 v Vic. 3; SA 6 v Tas. 1.

cently arrived Englishman, started to create chances on the break, which looked ominous for the home team.

In the 72nd minute Jankovics ran on to a through ball and hit a right foot thunderbolt which rebounded off the post to safety.

The equaliser came three minutes later and again it was Jankovics causing trouble for the City defence down the right flank.

This time his cross went to an unmarked Bozanic on the edge of the penalty area and the Marconi defender calmly sidefooted the ball inside the near post with Wishart stranded.

They followed this up in the 80th minute with another good attack, resulting in Winn heading the ball goalwards only to see it cleared off the line by Hamilton. The ball was scrambled away but Marconi won possession out wide and the cross saw Winn's volley brilliantly saved by Wishart.

Brisbane City, who usually finish their games so strongly, were unable to produce the expected reply. Although teenager Angelo Falco, who replaced Gary Bromfield in the 82nd minute, created a few anxious moments for the Marconi defence.

Coach Jim Hermiston was impressed by the effort of the youngster and hinted that he may be in the starting line up in the near future.

For Marconi, Tony Henderson had a very strong game and Jankovics, Winn and Sermanni were prominent. Both the Socceroo squad members from Brisbane City did nothing to spoil their chances while Tokesi, Liddell and Hamilton also performed well.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Perry, Liddell, Tokesi, Wilkinson, Pimblett, Williamson, Hamilton, Hughes, Cairney, Bromfield (Falco 82).

MARCONI: James, Bozanic, Degney, Henderson, Budini, Djordjevic (Hunter 59), Sermanni, O'Rourke, Carbone, Jankovics, Winn.

1983 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TITLES

BY STEVE BURNS

VICTORIA are Australia's 1983 under 18 National Champions.

To take the trophy they annihilated South Australia, the team who had beaten them 3-2 in the opening round of the championship, 5-0.

It was a remarkable victory for the Victorians and a dismal end to the championships for South Australia, who took the field as the only undefeated team in the championships.

Understandably, not even pouring rain and treacherous playing conditions could dampen Victoria's spirit in victory.

Said coach Tim White: "I'm ecstatic. It's one of the happiest moments of my life."

"After being beaten by South Australia in that first game it meant that every game for us from then on was in itself a cup final. The boys responded

NSW TABLES

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	10	8	0	2	24	9	36
Crestia	8	6	2	0	16	4	14
Sutherland	9	5	2	2	14	8	12
Avala	11	4	4	3	13	12	12
Melita	9	5	1	3	15	8	11
Manly	9	5	1	2	14	11	11
Ku-Ring-Gai	9	4	3	2	12	10	11
Inter-Monaro	10	4	2	4	15	12	10
Yugal	9	2	3	4	10	14	7
Can-Mville	10	2	1	7	10	19	5
Polonia	7	1	3	3	9	17	5
Bankstown	10	1	2	7	10	23	4
Auburn	5	0	0	6	7	23	0

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	10	9	1	0	20	7	19
Sutherland	9	7	0	2	22	7	14
Melita	8	5	3	1	31	10	13
Manly	9	6	0	3	27	11	12
Ku-Ring-Gai	8	5	2	1	23	6	12
Bankstown	9	5	2	2	17	12	12
Crestia	8	3	2	3	12	12	8
Avala	11	3	2	6	20	25	8
Can-Mville	10	3	1	6	13	24	7
Auburn	5	3	0	5	13	18	6
Yugal	9	2	0	7	7	34	4
Polonia	8	0	2	6	5	21	2
Inter-Monaro	10	0	1	9	7	30	1

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Can-Mville	8	6	3	0	19	4	15
Sutherland	8	6	0	2	25	10	12
Manly	9	5	1	3	25	11	11
Blacktown	9	3	4	2	16	11	10
Melita	9	3	4	2	12	11	10
Polonia	7	3	0	2	8	9	10
Crestia	8	2	3	1	10	9	7
Ku-Ring-Gai	7	2	2	3	10	12	6
Auburn	7	2	2	3	12	20	6
Avala	10	2	1	7	11	28	5
Bankstown	7	1	2	4	10	12	4
Yugal	8	0	0	8	5	31	0

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'gong Utd	11	8	3	2	19	9	16
Fairy Meadow	10	7	1	2	18	11	16
Warr-N-been	8	5	3	1	19	8	13
Penrith Utd	11	4	5	2	20	12	13
Gladesville	8	6	1	1	14	11	13
Rockdale	10	6	1	3	22	16	13
Artarmon	10	6	0	4	23	13	12
Flow Workers	9	3	5	1	19	13	11
Dee Why	10	4	2	4	17	20	10
Blacktown Utd	9	2	2	5	8	10	6
Nth Bankstown	9	2	1	6	13	15	5
Uni of NSW	10	1	3	6	6	19	5
Para City	11	0	4	7	8	26	4
Bellmore	9	0	1	8	3	24	1

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'gong Utd	11	7	1	3	30	22	15
Fairy Meadow	10	6	3	2	25	13	16
Gladesville	8	5	3	0	26	4	13
Flow Workers	8	6	0	3	28	12	12
Warr-N-been	9	4	4	1	19	7	12
Para City	11	5	2	4	16	23	12
Penrith Utd	10	5	1	4	21	13	11
Uni of NSW	11	3	2	6	10	27	8
Rockdale	10	3	1	6	25	22	7
Nth Bankstown	8	2	3	3	11	17	7
Artarmon	10	3	1	6	18	26	7
Blacktown Utd	9	2	2	5	13	19	6
Bellmore	10	2	2	6	12	26	6
Dee Why	10	2	1	7	6	18	5

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	10	9	0	1	47	12	18
Penrith Utd	9	8	0	1	33	10	17
Dee Why	10	6	2	2	20	12	14
Uni of NSW	11	5	3	3	15	14	13
Blacktown Utd	9	3	3	3	19	16	11
Para City	11	4	2	5	13	18	10
Rockdale	10	3	3	4	12	20	9
Warr-N-been	9	3	2	4	15	17	8
Gladesville	8	2	4	2	18	15	8
Artarmon	10	3	2	5	21	27	8
Nth Bankstown	8	3	0	5	13	16	8
Bellmore	10	1	3	6	11	22	5
W'gong Utd	10	1	3	6	11	22	5
Flow Workers	9	1	0	8	6	33	2

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth Ryde	8	6	1	1	16	8	13
Bathurst 75	7	3	1	1	13	3	11
St. Dunstons	7	4	2	1	14	5	9
Queens Park ES	6	4	1	1	14	7	9
Crown City	7	3	3	1	16	9	9
L'pool Albion	7	1	4	2	9	6	6
Gladesville Hvy	7	2	2	3	6	8	6
Kingford	5	2	1	2	6	13	5
Bondi Marine	8	1	2	5	10	4	4
Lane Cove Utd	7	1	1	5	9	22	3
CSI	6	1	0	5	5	19	2
B'kham Hills	7	1	0	6	8	21	2

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Crown City	7	6	1	0	18	7	13
Nth Ryde	8	5	1	2	15	13	11
Mt Drust Twn	7	5	0	2	17	9	10
L'pool Albion	7	3	1	3	8	5	7
B'kham Hills	7	2	3	2	14	14	7
Gladesville Hvy	7	3	1	3	10	13	7
Bondi Marine	8	2	2	2	13	9	6
CSI	6	2	1	3	7	9	5
Queens Park ES	6	1	2	3	9	11	4
Lane Cove Utd	7	1	3	4	12	15	4
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Kingford	5	2	1	2	6	9	5
Mt Drust Twn	7	2	1	4	10	17	5
Nth Ryde	8	1	1	6	15	21	3
Bondi Marine	6	1	1	4	9	18	3
Lane Cove Utd	7	0	1	6	4	47	1

OWN GOAL DESTROYS MONARO

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

IN AN entertaining and tense battle, Ku-Ring-Gai overcame a compact Inter-Monaro 1-0 at Parklands Oval.

Ku-Ring-Gai were more composed and controlled and are now starting to put together important wins in their quest for a spot in the top four.

Monaro maintained constant pressure throughout with quick breakaway movements a highlight of their attacking style.

Ku-Ring-Gai almost hit the front in the 30th minute when a cross from Brockbank was turned against the post by an Monaro defender.

Monaro replied minutes later when a corner was flighted directly towards goal and Curtis was forced to tip it over the bar.

Ku-Ring-Gai scored the only goal in the 50th minute. A free-kick from Berry on the right deceived Francis. In his attempt to control the ball and slip it to Curcio he forced it into goal.

Vieri came on immediately in the hope of parking his side's attacking raids and distribution. He received plenty of attention.

Ku-Ring-Gai almost made it two when a low drive from Brockbank hit the post.

Monaro continually pushed forward in the hope of equalising and forced numerous corners. Curtis handled these confidently.

Leith and Santolin were very solid in defence and Arquero and Godzik looked dangerous in attack for Monaro.

Curtis was determined in goal, Berry was industrious in midfield and Regan a threat up front for Ku-Ring-Gai.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevorn, Hammond, Bertram, Robertson, Berry, Knight, Brockbank, Regan, Eaton, Gavin (Davidson 68).

INTER-MONARO: Curcio, Leith, Domazetovich, Santolin, Francis, Wilke, Djordiecki (Vieri 51), Macleod, Godzik, Arquero, Reis.

GOALS: Inter-Monaro (Francis OG 50).

Despite losing 3-0 at home to Blacktown, Bankstown are starting to play a more constructive style of game that augurs for success in future games.

Bankstown absorbed all the pressure thrown at them early helped by Blacktown's elementary mistakes.

On the other hand, Bankstown found the pairing of Rasmussen and Pointer in defence too strong to positively

pressure Freeman in goal.

Blacktown struck first in the 37th minute. The Demons were awarded a free-kick just outside the area. Stoddart delicately curled the ball around the Bankstown wall and into goal despite Giffin's de-

onto a loose ball in a goal-mouth scramble and deflected it in off Beck's thigh. Minutes later he sealed the issue when Rasmussen drove the ball from 20 metres against the post and the rebound landed at his feet.



Agenor Muniz: skilful in midfield for Avala.

spairing attempt.

Blacktown were more composed after the break. In spite of Bankstown's enthusiasm they controlled midfield.

Kirwan scored an opportunist goal in the 64th minute when he latched

It was a positive effort from Bankstown. Parker and Dalton in the mid-field played with determination. Kennedy at right-back continued his fine early season form.

Blacktown were well served by Stoddart in

BEARS SHOCKED

BEFORE their own supporters Weston Bears were tamed by an enthusiastic Central Coast side to the tune of 3-0 at Weston Park.

After five consecutive wins Weston were expected to add to their imposing record, but were unable to curb the spirited attacks of the visitors.

Central Coast led 1-0 at half time and with another two goals after the interval became the first team to defeat Weston this season.

The unexpected loss cost Weston outright leadership of the series with Adamstown staging a second half recovery to beat West Wallsend 2-1.

Played as the early game to the NSL clash between Newcastle KB United and Brisbane Lions the West Wallsend Bluebells wilted badly after being the more purposeful side in the first half.

A headed goal by Bret Baldwin was scant reward for the pressure applied on the Adamstown goal, but the all out effort told and second half goals

The points table at the end of the sixth round: Weston 15, Adamstown 15, Central Coast 13, Highfield Azzurri 10, Belmont Swansea 10, West Wallsend 8, Lake Macquarie 6, Hamilton Red Star 4, Maitland 3, Tamworth City 2.

BY MYLES RAY



AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

BLACKTOWN: Freeman, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Brogan, Pointer, Selva, Davies (Quarmby 45), Stoddart, Walker, McLaughlin, Kirwan.

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Kennedy, Agostino, Blackburn, Beck, Dalton, Bourke, Sirett, Gilligan (York 53), Silines, Parker.

GOALS: Blacktown (Stoddart 37, Kirwan 64, 70).

The theory that wet-weather produces dull and boring Soccer was shot down when Avala defeated a strong-willed Can-Mville 1-0 at Arlington Oval.

Early into the game a delicate cross from Antonopoulos was hit against the post by Andreou.

Muniz replied when he received a pass from Burrows and drove it low but El Zein was their to thwart this attempt.

The remainder of the half was keenly fought between the midfield combinations of both

sides. Both teams defended resolutely.

The second-half produced some magic moments.

Hall had an early opportunity when he found himself free in the area from a Laing free-kick but he mistimed the speed of the ball.

Deller tested El Zein's speed off the mark when he sent in a dangerous low cross which El Zein brilliantly controlled. Moments later Rodriguez put Burrows through inside the area but El Zein was there once again.

Avala hit the lead in the 71st minute when a Muniz corner found Deller free, he nodded it on for Rodriguez who made no mistake with his header.

Seconds later a fine through ball from Hall found Thamnidis free, he beat his man, drove the ball past Ahrens but an Avala defender was lucky to clear the ball off the line.

In a scramble for posse-

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

FORMER New Zealand international Bill de Graaf is the new coach of Sydney second division promotion favorites Fairy Meadow.

He takes over from Mike Johnson, who recently resigned after getting the side away to a great start to the season.

De Graaf comes to Fairy Meadow from Melbourne club Ringwood after being part of Wollongong City's inaugural National League squad in 1981.

The big centre-back was a key man for Wollongong City, playing alongside Chris Dunleavy and he will be a big asset to Fairy Meadow.

He says he won't be making any drastic changes. "Mike Johnson has left me with a talented team and their attitude is very good," De Graaf said.

"They are used to a certain training technique and I won't be making changes there.

"We have a lot of enthusiasm and players on the fringe of first grade are keen to impress and gain selection."

De Graaf was quick to taste success with Fairy Meadow as they beat Revesby 4-1 in the Umbro Shield final within a week of his appointment.

The game was played at Towradgi Park, near Wol-

longong, and proved to be a good promotion.

★ ★ ★

SIXTEEN-year-old Jason Roseworn has enrolled in an advanced strapping course at the Wollongong Sports Medicine Clinic which is good news for Shellharbour players.

Jason is the son of Shellharbour's senior strapper Neville Roseworn and he is keen to follow in dad's footsteps.

Hopefully Jason will have his Australian certificate at the end of the 10-week course.

Shellharbour spokesman Otto Bader said the club appreciates Jason's enthusiasm and will back him all the way.

Bader said his committee realises the importance of having qualified people to look after their players.

★ ★ ★

TWO experienced Premier League players were given their marching orders on the same afternoon recently.

Shellharbour player-coach John Bingham ended a miserable week by receiving a red card in the game against Fernhill.

Earlier in the week he missed out on the Illawarra coaching job and then found out he wasn't even

NSW FEDERATION RESULTS

NO GROUND!



NSW TOP SCORERS

REIS (Monaro)	10
EATON (Ku-ring-gai)	8
SMITH (Manly)	8
WLAKER (Black)	7
McLAUGHLIN (Bik)	7

It was the mix-up of the year when Wollongong United were left with no ground to play their home fixture against Blacktown United.

Only 24 hours before the game United officials realised they couldn't play at Berkeley Sports Ground because district side Berkeley were playing at home.

United were in real danger of having to forfeit the match because most other Illawarra grounds were being used in a district double-header.

Around 6 pm the night before the game Fairy Meadow arranged for the game to be played at their home ground at Wollongong Police Boys' Oval.

United officials will have to pay closer attention to what is going on at Berkeley Sports Ground



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1ST DIVISION	I	II	III
Bankstown v Blacktown City	0-3	0-1	0-0
Ku-ring-gai v Inter Monaro	1-0	5-0	—
Polonia v Sutherland Shire	Def.	Def.	Def.
S.S.C. Yugal v Auburn	Def.	Def.	Def.
Cant-Mville v Avala	0-1	0-2	2-0
Melita Eagles v Croatia Sydney	Def.	Def.	Def.

2ND DIVISION	I	II	III
Blacktown Utd v Belmore	2-1	1-1	3-3
Fairy Meadow v Wollongong Utd	1-2	2-1	2-0
Revesby Workers v Warringah N'been	1-1	1-3	2-0
Uni. of NSW v Artarmon	0-1	2-1	5-1
Dee Why v Gladesville Ravens	Def.	Def.	Def.
Parramatta City v Rockdale	1-3	1-3	1-1
Nth Bankstown v Penrith Utd	0-3	Def.	Def.

3RD DIVISION	I	II	III
Liverpool Albion v North Ryde	0-1	0-1	3-1
Gladesville Hby v Mt. Druitt Town	0-2	2-1	6-1
Kingsford v Queens Park E/S	Def.	Def.	Def.
Lane Cove Utd v Bondi Marine	Def.	Def.	Def.
Bathurst 75 v Baulkham Hills	3-0	2-2	1-0
C.S.I. v Campbelltown City	Def.	Def.	Def.

INTER URBAN — 1ST DIVISION	I	II
Port Hacking v Maroubra Utd	Def.	Def.
King Tomislav v Eastern Creek	Def.	Def.
Wentley Waratahs v Spanish Club	Def.	Def.
Fairfield West v Hurstville-Zagreb	0-2	3-1
Concordia v Nineveh Eagles	1-3	1-0
Fairfield Kiev v Sydney Uni	2-0	3-3

INTER URBAN — 2ND DIVISION	I	II
West St. George v Chelsea	Def.	Def.
Eastwood S/A v Sydney Maccabi	Def.	Def.
Pagewood v Chile Sports	4-0	2-0
West Utd v Padstow Park	Def.	Def.
C'town Gunners v Transandinos Sports	7-1	3-0

INTER URBAN — 3RD DIVISION	I	II
Ryde District v Blacktown Wands	4-1	8-0
Haberfield B'ds v Green Valley Utd	Def.	Def.
Robins v Smithfield Hotspurs	Def.	Def.
Liverpool City v Revesby Rovers	Def.	Def.
Macarthur Utd v Hawkesbury Dist.	2-1	3-1

INTER URBAN — 4TH DIVISION	I	II
Rangers Hajduk v Roseberry	2-4	0-1
Murray Farm Rang. v Dulwich Hill	4-3	1-1
Blacktown Workers v Liverpool Rangers	Def.	Def.
Colo Colo v Chullora	1-2	4-1

Nepean Rovers v South Sydney	Def.	Def.
Hellas Poseidon v Lithgow Workers	2-0	8-0

INTER URBAN — 5TH DIVISION	I	II
Concord Juniors v Jedinstvo Utd	2-0	4-0
Sans Souci v Castle Hill	1-0	2-4
Welcome Sports v St Mary's RSL	Def.	Def.
Liverpool Utd v Santiago Wands	Def.	Def.
Lansvale Utd v Argentinian L/U	Def.	Def.

INTER URBAN 1-5 DIV PTS	I	II
First grade: Maroubra Utd* 12, Pt Hacking 11, Fairfield Kiev 11, Hurst Zagreb 10, Sydney Uni 8, King Tomislav 7, Eastern Creek 7, Fairfield West 5, Spanish Club* 5, Nineveh Eagles 5, Concordia* 4, Wentley Waratahs* 4.		
Second grade: Maroubra Utd* 12, Fairfield West 11, Pt. Hacking* 10, Syd. Uni 9, Eastern Creek* 7, Concordia* 6, Spanish Club* 6, Hurst. Zagreb 6, King Tomislav* 5, Fairfield Kiev 5, Wentley Waratahs* 2.		

First grade:	I	II
C'town Gunners 11, Eastwood* 9, Moorebank 7, West St George* 7, Pagewood 7, Syd Maccabi 6, Tran. Sports 5, Padstow Park* 5, Chile Sports* 2, West Utd 1.		
Second grade:	I	II
C'town Gunners 13, Pagewood 9, Moorebank 9, Eastwood S/A* 8, Padstow Park* 7, West St George* 6, Chelsea* 6, Syd. Maccabi* 5, Tran. Sports 3, Chile Sports* 1, West Utd* 1.		

First grade:	I	II
Macarthur Utd 11, Green Valley* 9, Bl'kwn Wands 8, Ryde Dist 8, Haberfield B/O's* 6, Smithfield Hotspurs* 6, Macq. Uni 6, L'pool City* 6, Hawks Dist 5, Rev. Rovers* 0.		
Second grade:	I	II
Ryde Dist 13, Robins* 9, Green Valley* 8, Macq. Uni 8, Macarthur Utd 8, Liverpool City* 7, Hawks Dist 6, Smithfield Hotspurs* 4, Bl'kwn Wands 4, Rev Rovers* 3, Haberfield B/O's 2.		

First grade:	I	II
Chullora 11, Murray Farm 10, Roseberry* 10, Hellas Poseidon 10, Rangers Hajduk 9, Nepean Rovers* 9, Colo Colo 6, Sth Sydney* 6, Dulwich Hill* 6, L'pool Rangers* 4, Lithgow Wks 4, Bl'kwn Wks* 3.		
Second grade:	I	II
Murray Farm 13, Dulwich Hill* 12, Roseberry* 12, Hellas Poseidon 10, Rangers Hajduk 9, L'pool Rangers* 7, Chullora 6, Nepean Rovers* 6, Bl'kwn Wks* 6, Colo Colo 5, Sth Sydney* 2, Lithgow Wks 0.		

First grade:	I	II
Welcome Sports* 13, Concord Juniors* 10, Castle Hill* 9, Sans Souci 8, Jedinstvo Utd 7, Argent L/U* 7, Sant. Wand's* 5, L'pool Utd* 5, Lansvale Utd* 4, St Marys* 0.		
Second grade:	I	II
Castle Hill* 13, Welcome Spts* 10, Concord Juniors* 10, Lansvale Utd* 9, St Marys RSL* 7, L'pool Utd* 7, Sant. Wand's* 5, Sans Souci 5, Argent L/U* 2, Jedinstvo Utd. 0.		

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DIVISION 1

Round 12 — Saturday, May 28

Sutherland Shire v S.S.C. Yugal	Seymour Shaw Park
Croatia Sydney v Polonia	King Tomislav Park

Sunday, May 29

Auburn v Cant.-M'ville Oly	Mona Park
Avala v Bankstown	Knight Park
Manly Warringah v Ku-Ring-Gai	Cromer Park
Inter-Monaro v Melita Eagles	Marco Polo Oval

DIVISION 2

Saturday, May 28

Dee Why v North Bankstown	Graham Reserve
Revesby W'kers v Wollongong United	Jensen Oval
Artarmon v Warringah-Narabeen	Artarmon Res.

Sunday, May 29

Blacktown Utd. v Penrith United	Francis Park
Fairy Meadow v Gladesville Ravens	Police Boys Grd.
Belmore v Parramatta City	Blick Oval
Uni of N.S.W. v Rockdale	Little Bay Oval

DIVISION 1

Round 13 — Sunday June 5

Polonia v Melita Eagles	Chopin Park
S.S.C. Yugal v Croatia Sydney	Fraser Park
Cant-M'ville Oly. v Sutherland Shire	Arlington Oval
Auburn v Bankstown	Mona Park
Ku-Ring-Gai v Blacktown City	Parklands Oval
Inter-Monaro v Manly Warringah	Marco Polo Oval

DIVISION 2

Round 13 — Saturday June 14

Warringah N'been v Uni. of NSW	Narrabeen Fitness Camp
Artarmon v North Bankstown	A. rtarmon Reserve

Sunday June 5

Penrith United v Dee Why	Cook Park
Gladesville Ravens v Blacktown United	Peel Park
Belmore v Fairy Meadow	Blick Oval
Wollongong Utd. v Parramatta City	Berkeley Sports Grd.
Rockdale v Revesby	hurstville Oval

sion from a Canterbury free-kick, Andreou's attempt at goal went just wide.

Avala replied with a brilliant combination involving five players. The final pass found Fernandez free and his shot saved by El Zein.

In the 88th minute of the game a brilliant looping shot from Basterfield was superbly saved by Ahrens.

The Berries suffered a crushing blow in the last minute. They were awarded a penalty when Burrows handled inside the area. Theodorakopoulos scored from the spot but the referee disallowed the goal ruling that Laing had moved inside the area just before the kick was taken. His second attempt hit the post and went wide of goal.

Despite the loss it was a fine team effort from Canterbury. The defence played with great poise and direction. Laing, had a great debut. Andreou was always moving forward at every opportunity and Basterfield played industriously.

Avala now find themselves in the top four. Barton controlled the defence with great skill. Muniz was always constructive in attack and Burrows continued his fine form.

CANT-M'VILLE: El Zein, Antonopoulos (Tizzone 64), Hantzis, Laws, Anagnostopoulos, Andreou, Laing, Hall, Theodorakopoulos, Thamnidis, Basterfield.

AVALA: Ahrens, Lembryk, Deller, Barton, Mackenzie, Yousuph, Hoseini (Rodriguez 64), Muniz, Fontana, Burrows, Milne (Fernandez 55).

GOALS: Avala (Rodriguez 71).



Cant-M'ville are like most clubs in the State League, very compatible when it comes to promoting any up and coming youngster. Nick Theodorakopoulos is no exception.

At only 19 this talented

attacking midfielder player has cemented a spot in the First grade line-up from the start of the 1982 season. Actually, he made his First grade debut against Polonia at the ripe old age of 16!

His early playing days were very rewarding. After a successful training period of four years at Hurlstone Park Wanderers, he pursued higher honours and was signed to play for the Youth sides at Canterbury and Western Suburbs 1976 and 77 respectively. From there it was off to Apia in 1978 and 79. Nick also found success in his schoolboy days. In 1981 he was selected and also captained the St George Regional side. Further success at this level resulted in his selection to the 1981 NSW CHS squad.

In 1980 he was graded in the Sydney City U16



RISING STAR

NICK THEOS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

youth side and after some fine performances, promoted to the Third grade

side. However, he left the club midway through the season and furthered his quest for higher honours with Cant-M'ville. This move culminated in his selection to the First grade side and memorable debut.

This year Nick has hit the target five times included in which was a memorable hat-trick against Ku-Ring-Gai. Although Cant-M'ville are flagging near the bottom of the table they have given much more fancied sides a strong shake in the competition, (the Berries lost to Croatia 2-0, Blacktown 3-2 and drew with Melita 0-0).

Like many dedicated young players, experienced coaches always bear a strong influence in the future of any prospective player. Nick has been mentioned to mention that he gained a wealth of know-

ledge from his previous coach Ron Corry and current First grade coach John Xipolitas.

Nick has the potential, speed, height and shooting ability to obtain a great deal of success from Soccer. Like most young players, he should prevent himself from being over-confident and never rely on one good performance.

'Soccer is like history. One exceptional perform-

ance is remembered by a great number of people but Soccer players must learn to re-write the history books,' said Xipolitas.

Like most young players on the way up, Nick has aspirations to reach higher honours.

Naturally like every other young Soccer player in the State League I would like to play in the NSL and hopefully gain more experience in the

aim of reaching even higher honours.

This young player who was born and bred in the Canterbury district, has undoubtedly the ability and class to stamp himself on the Soccer map. Canterbury has produced many fine players over the years.

Nick Theodorakopoulos remains dedicated and plays consistently the pursuit of higher goals will not be beyond him.

NSL FAILURE?

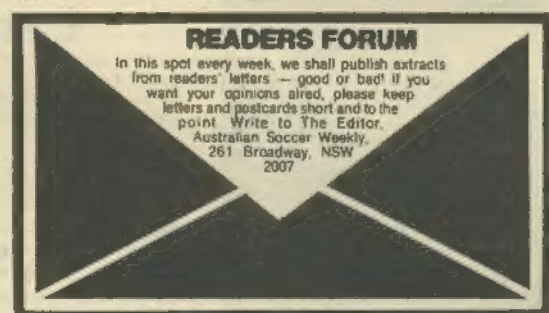
TO people who know anything about Australian Soccer it must be obvious that the future of the game in this country lies not in it becoming Americanised or Anglosised, but rather becoming Australian.

The failure of the National Soccer League to achieve this has indeed been monumental.

Australia claims to be a multi-cultural society yet Soccer's governing bodies refuse to allow teams to use their original names. These teams now have to be called Strikers, Slickers and Gladiators: very impressive, I'm sure, but hardly in line with Australian Soccer's past.

We have our own traditions and do not need to borrow anyone else's. People claim that such name changes will decrease the ethnic influences in the game and bring the thousands of hidden soccer fans out to support their local team.

The failure of this method has been proved by teams such as Blacktown City and Canberra City who currently cannot match the crowd support of Sydney Olympic or Apia Leichhardt. However the existence of these regional teams is vital



and once the game has developed these sides will have the support.

What I ask for is a logical compromise. It is possible for the successful co-existence of regional and ethnic based clubs.

Johnny Warren brought this point out well in a recent newspaper article. On this note I am disgusted to see the treatment of Croatia Sydney by some people in the Soccer hierarchy.

This team has totally dominated the NSW State League for six years yet has been continually refused permission to the National League. However clubs such as Marconi and Sydney Olympic play in the National League with no questions asked.

Croatia has been the traditional scapegoat of Australian Soccer and the press.

Now a club with a

crowd pulling potential equal or better than Olympic in every major city is being forced to die a slow death in the State League.

S. Kovaks, Berala, 2141.

NSW FEDERATION HITS BACK

WATCHING from a lot closer than South Australia, we in NSW most definitely hope that the NSL and the ASF do not get their act together — especially if it is like their last joint effort.

The impression that State League control "ALL" clubs in their States makes me wonder what is known of the matter in the other States.

A "super league" was mooted here but rejected by a senior spokesman of the then PSL. Now it appears the "super league"

is a good idea but the NSL clubs appear to want control of the senior football in NSW without benefit of the politicking necessary in any reasonable democratic organisation.

Your Correspondent (Tom McKain ASW 3/5/83) believes Mr Rodney has a "positive hatred" for the NSL. The original concept, if not conceived by him, was at least strongly supported by him but he would not be worth his salt as a president and derelict of his duties if he did not most strongly oppose the absolute rape of his Federation from where six major clubs have been taken and the next biggest two approached to desert.

Some sections of the media would have us believe NSW State League is in poor condition.

The match Avala versus Croatia was worth a long trip to witness and compared more than favourably with some top matches as expounded by them.

Our headquarters at Parklea will soon be envied nationwide.

In conclusion if any act is got together let us hope it is the ASF and the State League rather than splinter groups which seem to be a case of the "tail wagging the dog".

P. Coleman, Executive Member NSW Federation.

MORE SUPPORT

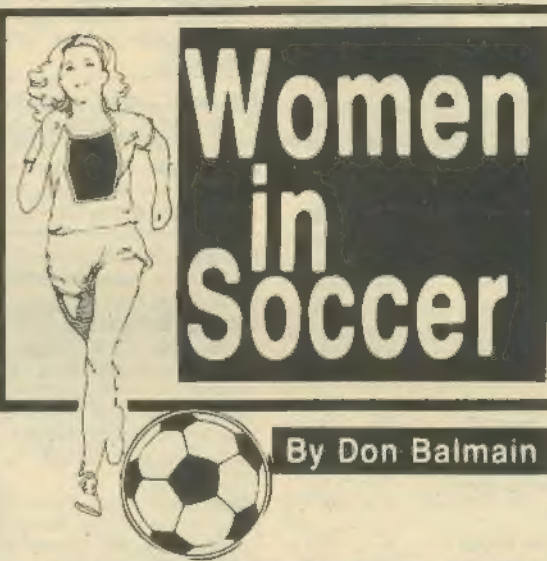
I WOULD just like to query why hardly any credit was given in your paper to St. Georges' brilliant performance in last Sunday's game.

Yet in your article the emphasis was on how Olympic had such bad luck, and how sorry you felt for Docherty.

Surely Terry Greedy's performance under such pressure deserved more than a few lines of commentary, and other players that also contributed to this great game, such as Dave Ratcliffe, Peter Stone and David Skeen didn't even get a mention. Yet the fact that Koussas "should have had a hat trick" was mentioned.

Hoping that your article will give a bit more support to the winners and credit where it is due.

G. Nagy Yagoona



By Don Balmain

THE GIRLS HAVE IT, AWARDS GALORE

THE South Queensland Women's Soccer Association has come up with a new idea to keep the interest of players throughout the season.

Marese Stevens, the publicity officer, tells me that there will be a player of the year contest this season which will be conducted over the first and second divisions.

The competitions will be run during the normal fixtures only and not during finals and knock-out competitions. The team official with the opposing side will select a player from the opposing side which will be written on the match card each week.

The winning girl or girls will be named every three weeks and the competition will be held on a monthly basis and to keep the scheme on the level, only three top officials of the association, plus one other person, will have the details of the total number of points given on a progressive basis.

In keeping with other sportsmen of the year awards, the presentation night will be a sophisticated affair with girls in evening dress.

Each girl nominated will receive an award and the winner will receive a perpetual trophy donated by Mr Ian Brusasco of the Q.S.F.

"Women dominate the executive committee of the South Queensland Women's Association this year," said Mrs Stevens.

Mrs Gerry Harris is again the President and aiding her is Mr Keith Barclay, the senior vice-president. Carl Fenech as

vice-president and Clive Carroll, junior registrar are the male minority on the committee this year.

MORE NEW SOCCERETTES

Other new clubs this year are the Soccerettes with girls mostly from Ipswich City. This club will have one senior and one junior team to start them off.

Redlands Women's Soccer Club is a new one in an area new to women Soccer players and there is room for expansion in this district.

Mount Gravatt is another new club on the outer south side of the city and Grange Thistle, a very successful men's Soccer club is fielding a women's section for the first time.

For the first time, South Queensland will be having an under 12 competition this year.

There will be 26 senior teams and 12 junior sides.

A club team from Wellington, New Zealand, visited Brisbane last month for social games and were accommodated with games against the Sth. Qld open side and youth sides.

The N.Z. side have been unbeaten for a number of years in their championships and contained several players from the New Zealand national side.

The State Championships in Sth Qld will be

A strong take-over bid has been made in Tasmania by the Tasmanian Soccer Association to control women's Soccer in the Apple Isle.

One of the statements allegedly coming from the T.S.A. was that a State women's team was not necessary as a lot of men's and youth's teams do not compete in National championships and they (the men), should have preference over the women.

With the women's Soccer movement bowling along quite nicely over there, it is understandable that an executive member of the T.S.A. said that it was about time the women's Soccer came under some sort of scrutiny one can always learn from the control of a well run organisation.

It was interesting to note that at a meeting called by the Tas. Women's Soccer Association to discuss the proposed take-over, all clubs decided to decline the men's invitation to join the new social association.

CINDY HEYDON FOR EUROPE

Before the Australian team departed from Sydney for their trip to Hawaii, I had a quiet word with Cindy Heydon, a previous State and Australian player.

Cindy has been in the U.K. for a year and looked at the Soccer scene there. She has been made captain-coach of the Australian women's indoor Soccer team which will play New Zealand here later this year.

This will probably be her last stint with Australian women's Soccer. She told me that next year she will be going to Sweden to play semi-professionally with a women's team in that country.

"It is a pity that we are so isolated here," she said.

"In Europe they have invitation Cups. With five countries in the distance between Sydney and Melbourne, international competition is limitless," she added.

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FOUR S.A. TEAMS WANT PROMOTION

BY TOM McKAIN

IT'S OFFICIAL. Four State League clubs from SA will apply for any new National League next year.

First Division's Azzurri, Polonia and Beograd will ask for application forms and Salisbury from Second Division has already approached the NSL to be included.

Although only in the lower State competition, Salisbury could stand the best chance of being accepted.

A powerful district team in a British migrant area which also includes Para Hills and Elizabeth from First Division and Apac from Second, plus a host of Amateur League teams, it already has sponsors lined up.

Steve Jarvis of Jarvis Ford, who sponsors the club, said it could pay the \$20,000 affiliation fee "tomorrow".

"We will probably have to buy some more players, but that will not present any problems."

"Our area is crying out for a National League club and there is no question of us not being able to build a grandstand at our ground."

Salisbury already has national standard clubrooms and facilities.

Polonia secretary Mr Joe Larecki confirmed that his club would make a strong bid for the League.

Polonia have had plans for a grandstand on ice for years, and already has the change rooms and club room facilities to meet requirements.

Beograd have been working on plans for a submission since November.

Azzurri secretary Mr Ted Iuliano is confident his club will be accepted to the new competition.

"While some people have said there should not be two Italian-backed clubs from Adelaide, it is obvious that if one is playing away from home, then the other will pick up its supporters," he said.

Salisbury could get away with their home ground as it is "virgin" territory as far as a national competition is concerned.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA UPDATE

THE legal eagles are flying high in South Australia — but hovering over the SA Federation like vultures.

Players, clubs and officials are using or threatening to use solicitors and even High Courts to prove their cases and gain their individual points.

We have Elizabeth and Salisbury involved in a wrangle over former player coach Bobby Henderson which has now involved the Federation.

There is a "private" battle going on involving Simon Sparreboom, Azzurri's assistant coach and former Port player and coach, Port and the Federation plus a solicitor.

Down in the Amateur League former State star Terry Wetton has stirred them up with a threat of legal action if he is not allowed to play for West Beach.

Amateur officials stopped him playing because he is coach of State League Second Division Brighton City.

However, they lifted their ban and allowed him to take to the amateur arena while their own solicitor examined the league's rules and regulations.

While the Federation attempts, through its own lawyers, to counter the legal moves by clubs and individuals it is also working on a new set of contract and signing on

forms which they hope will end the growing number of cases encouraged by those in the Australian Rules football game who successfully took on the hitherto mighty Victorian Football League — and won!

If the new forms are approved the only people who will suffer are the legal eagles and soccer administrators, players, and coaches will be able to get on with the playing side of the game.

• It pays to be in the SA Institute of Sport's Soccer scholarship schemes.

Only one member of the State Squad at the National Youth Championship is not at the Institute — 16 year old Nick Malavazos of West Adelaide.

Players at the Institute also play for their clubs as well as attending training and coaching sessions at the SASI.

• The draw for the next round of the PGH Federation Cup will be made tonight (Tues).

There are seven First Division clubs still in for the second round with four from Second Division from the Metropolitan League and three from the Amateur League.

They will meet on Saturday June 11.

WHILE new league leaders Azzurri make the trip to Elizabeth this weekend two of their challengers for the title will do battle.

Croatia, now second after being beaten 4-1 by Azzurri last week, are at home to Polonia, who were held to a shock 0-0 draw at home by Campbelltown.

Under normal cir-

cumstances Azzurri would be taken to beat Elizabeth but the latter got off the bottom of the table last week with a 3-1 away win against Port Adelaide.

Azzurri now appear to

Azzurri is developing a new complex at Payneham but it could be two years before it is ready, and until then had suggested they would share Olympic Sports Field with Adelaide City.

West Adelaide lease Hindmarsh from the Federation, and the latter will be pushing for additional income from another NSL team.

be back on song and emerging as favourite to retain the title they won last year and the year before.

They turned in a tremendous performance last week when they came from behind to score four goals in the second half after Croatia had taken the lead just after half time.

However, Elizabeth are beginning to look more settled and confident so it should be a cut and thrust affair out at the migrant town.

Polonia on paper have a classy team but are proving very inconsistent.

With their first defeat out of the way Croatia may come down to earth and realise that they are not unbeatable.

Parra Hills also got a shock, crashing 4-3 away to Beograd and this week have to visit West Adelaide, who shattered Berkalla's title charge with a 2-0 win on a Birks ground.

The latter appear to have the easiest task this weekend playing at home against Port, who are now firmly stuck on the bottom of the table.

Campbelltown, still battling with key players carrying injuries have to face Beograd but, at home should be able to do enough to collect two more points after doing everything but score against Polonia.



Peter Hassan: scorer

CLUBMATES OUTED

TWO Brisbane first division players from the same team have been suspended for a total of nine weeks after they were sent-off for fighting.

The incident occurred in a recent match between Darra United and Mitchelton and in-

involved Darra players Graham Dyer and Ron Hartley.

Finally a scuffle broke out and other players had to break them apart.

Both players were given the red card and Dyer left the field with a head gash that later required stitches. Hartley was suspended on a charge of head-butting for six weeks while Dyer was outed for three weeks.

Darra officials also took disciplinary action.



OTHER STATE REPORTS

SYDNEY RECRUITS STEER CROATIA TO VICTORY

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

IT WAS a busy weekend in Tasmanian Soccer with Statewide Cup and Cadbury State League matches forcing some teams to play two games in as many days.

In the League, Croatia made the headlines with its signing of three Sydney players only an hour before the kick-off against Olympia. Badih Hammoud, Jim Meerbani and Peter Hassan had played only a couple of matches with Ulverstone before returning to Sydney two weeks ago when negotiations with Ulverstone broke down. Croatia then moved in and brought the trio to Hobart from Sydney late on Friday night.

Croatia's coup paid off immediately as Hammoud and Hassan both scored in Croatia's narrow 4-3 win against the Greek side. Croatia led 4-1 with only eight minutes left but then a late rally by Olympia saw it score twice almost snatching a draw.

Juventus retained top place with an easy 4-1 win over bottom-placed White Eagles, while Caledonians beat University 4-2 and Rapid beat Metro 1-0.

The only surprise in the

Statewide Cup was University's 3-2 defeat of the highly-fancied Greek team, Olympia. Bad defensive errors which have plagued Olympia all season were evident yet again and Peter Sherman even had his penalty kick brilliantly saved by the University goalkeeper, Steve Darby, the former State director of coaching.

Details: Statewide Cup Rapid-Wrest Point beat Launceston Juventus 4-0; University beat Olympia 3-2; White Eagles beat Launceston White Eagles 7-0; Croatia-Glenorchy beat Clarence 9-0; South Hobart lost to Metro-Claremont 1-8; Tarcoona-St. Mirren lost to Devonport 1-6; George Town lost to Juventus-Pioneer 1-2; Launceston Matric lost to Burnie 2-4.

Cadbury League Croatia beat Olympia 4-3; Rapid beat Metro 1-0; Caledonians beat University 4-2; Juventus beat White Eagles 4-1.

Standings:	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	5	5	0	0	15	4	10
Croatia	5	4	1	0	13	6	9
Olympia	5	3	1	1	14	9	7
Caledonians	5	2	0	3	7	10	4
University	5	2	0	3	8	14	4
Metro	5	1	1	3	8	10	3
Rapid	5	1	1	3	5	8	3
White Eagles	5	0	0	5	4	13	0

NZ SQUAD SELECTED

BY STUART BURNS

THREE newcomers will be making they're international debut for NZ in the Presidents Cup Tournament in Seoul South Korea from the 4th to the 17th June.

Alan Jones the Director of Coaching, team man-

ager and coach, has picked an international squad — only nine of whom were in Spain for the World Cup Finals last year. He has blended youth in the form of David Burgess (19) Ian Masson (20) and Leri Evans (19), all three players having come through from the NZ Youth side.

Experience is shown with the selection of the Mount Wellington pair. Keith Nelson 34 and Ron Armstrong 31. Jones regards Evans as the outstanding prospect in the country, Nelson as best goal taker, and Armstrong as the pick of the

league's defenders.

In addition, he is without Steve Wood and Winton Rufer who are both tied to their overseas clubs, and Glen Dods, the fastest full-back in the country, who is unavailable this winter.

One of those recalled is the tall Christchurch Mogal striker Johann Verweig (ex-Brisbane Lions) currently the leading goalscorer with 7 goals in 10 matches.

With an Olympic Games qualifying programme beginning in September, the NZ side will be looking for good results in the tournament.



Glen Dods: unavailable

OLYMPIC FAVOURED IN AMPOL CUP

QUEENSLAND'S Ampol Cup competition kicks-off early next month and for the first time ever the holders will not participate.

The simple reason is that last year's winners, Townsville Kern United, no longer exists. The side was dismantled at the end of last season following the demise of the Queensland State League Competition.

The entire playing staff was placed on the transfer list. A few, including Paul Wormley, who went to National League club West Adelaide and Bobby McGuiness, who transferred to Victorian team Morwell Falcons, went interstate but the remainder went back to local clubs.

The Townsville club, which last year had aspirations for the national competition, is in the process of being wound up and the board of directors expect to balance and finalise their books when they sell a \$100,000 show home built as a fund-raising venture last year.

Townsville won the cup last season when they downed Ipswich United 2-1 at Ebbw Vale.

Ipswich, one of the leading teams in the QAF's new Premier League are one of the favorites to do well again this year but Olympic, on the strength of their showing so far this season, are hot favorites to win the trophy for the first time ever.

The competition, which unlike interstate where it is held pre-season, runs over set weekends through the season. Following a further injection of funds the competition this year is worth \$11,500. The winners will receive \$4,000.

The 12 premier league clubs automatically qualify for the first round which will be played on June 18 and 19 while the 24 Brisbane first and second division clubs have been playing qualifying matches over the past few weeks to decide one team to go into the first round.

The other three places in the final 16 go to the country region winners. The North Queensland soccer federation and the Gold Coast representative team have already qualified but the third position rests on a play-off between the Bundaberg and Rockhampton Federation teams.

The draw for the first round is: Grange Thistle v Acacia Ridge, Valley Trident v Lower division qualifier, North Queensland v Ipswich United, North Star v Sunnyside, Taringa v Olympic, Bundaberg or Rockhampton v Easts, Mount Gravatt v Brisbane City, Gold Coast v Lions.

THE YOUNG CHAMPIONS

FIERCE, BUT CONFIDENT

Australia's Young Champions flew out last week for Mexico, eager to get stuck into their 'enemies' of Round 1 of the 1983 World Youth Championships.

The 'enemies' in Round 1 are, Mexico, Scotland and South Korea.

June 2, Australia's skipper, Tommy McCulloch will lead out his team to clash in the opening match of the Championship, against host nation, Mexico.

The whole world will be watching the outcome of this match, as all leading Soccer nations have become fully aware of Australia's presence in the World Championships. No one more so than Andy Roxburgh, the manager of hot-favourites for the World Title, Scotland, the current European Champions.

I remarked to Australia's coach, Les Scheinflug that Scotland would have an edge by seeing Australia in action first before these two nations clashed.

Scheinflug answered: "So what? We also will see Scotland in action against South Korea the following day at Toluca before we take them on, so we will be square."

Today we look at another six of Australia's Young Champions who are now in Mexico and will carry their country's famous Green & Gold colours against the very best Young Soccer players in the World.

Will Australia carry on from where they left off in the last W.Y.C. held here in Australia in 1981?



FABIO INCANTALUPO

BIRTHDAY: December 30, 1963.

BORN: Melbourne.

SCHOOL: Ivanhoe Grammar.

FIRST JUNIOR CLUB: Juventus the only club.

SENIOR CLUBS: Juventus only.

INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CAREER: "My Dad, Pat Della Rocca and Tony Boggi."

FIRST GRADE DEBUT: "1979 with Juventus when I was 16 years old."

COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER: New Guinea, Fiji, China, Mexico, U.S.A., Costa Rica, Hong Kong.

THOUGHTS ON MEXICO?: "Very confident and we WILL do well. Wait and see."

WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia of course, with Brazil as my second choice."

N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Alan Davidson."

OVERSEAS PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Bruno Conti Marco Tardelli and Maradona."

OCCUPATION: "With the City Council at Brunswick."

CAR YOU DRIVE: "Datsun 120 Y 1978 model."

OTHER HOBBIES?: "Squash and Tennis."

FAVOURITE FOODS: "Spaghetti, Lasagna and Roast Lamb."

FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "An attacking left-flanker."

GENERAL REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "I believe the code can improve overall. One aspect that needs urgent attention, is the standard of refereeing."

"More publicity on Soccer wouldn't go astray either."



FRANK FARINA

BIRTHDAY: September 5, 1964.

BORN: Darwin, Northern Territory.

SCHOOL: St Augustine's College, Cairns, Qld.

JUNIOR CLUB: Edgehill and Stratford United.

SENIOR CLUBS: Mareeba, A.I.S. Canberra Arrows.

INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CAREER?: "My Dad, Jimmy Shoulder and Les Scheinflug."

FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "This year with Canberra Arrows."

COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?: "U.S.A. Mexico, Costa Rica, New Guinea."

THOUGHTS ON MEXICO?: "To do well and get into the quarter finals."

WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia, with Holland as my second choice."

N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "John Kosmina and Ian Gibson."

OVERSEAS PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Kenny Dalglish, Falcao of Brazil and Bruno Conti."

OCCUPATION?: "I'm a student in Accountancy at the C.C.A.E. in Canberra."

CAR YOU DRIVE?: "A 1981 Sigma G.L."

OTHER HOBBIES?: "Golf, squash and Tennis."

FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Spaghetti plus Steak & Chips."

FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "Striker."

GENERAL REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "When you are young, you should play Soccer for fun and pure enjoyment till about 16. If you are good at that age, then become very serious and put your head down to some really hard work."



STEVE GLOCKNER

BIRTHDAY: September 5, 1964.

BORN AT: Brisbane, Queensland.

SCHOOL: St Laurence's College.

JUNIOR CLUBS?: "Annerley and South's United."

SENIOR CLUBS: "Brisbane City."

INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN YOUR CAREER?: "My Father, Ron Smith, Jimmy Hermiston and Horst Schneider."

FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "Last year against Brisbane Lions."

COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?: "This trip to Mexico will be my first outside Australia."

THOUGHTS ON MEXICO?: "Very happy to be going and we hope to do well for Australia, but MUST win our first game."

WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia, but I'm wary of Scotland at this stage a little."

N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "David Ratcliffe and Frank Pimblett. Both are very good players."

OVERSEAS PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Bryan Robson and Frank Stapleton."

OCCUPATION?: "When we return from Mexico, I will be going into the Police Academy for studies."

CAR YOU DRIVE?: "I drive a Sigma 2.0 S.E."

OTHER HOBBIES?: "I do a lot of gym-work for added fitness."

FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Spaghetti and Lobster Mornay."

FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "Goalscoring-striker."

OTHER GENERAL REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "Well I would like to see Soccer supporters in general, becoming more consistent with their loyalties. As for younger players, they must work hard at their game and constantly practice on their skills."

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'So what, we'll take them on'



DANNY WRIGHT

BIRTHDAY: November 2, 1964.
BORN AT: Brisbane, Queensland.
SCHOOL: Corinda State High.
JUNIOR CLUBS?: Oxley United and Brisbane Lions.
SENIOR CLUBS?: "Brisbane Lions only."
INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN CAREER?: "Jimmy Shoulder, Cameron Bell and my parents."
FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "In 1980 against St George."
COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?: "New Zealand, New Guinea, Mexico, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, England and the U.S.A."
THOUGHTS ON MEXICO?: "Looking forward to the finals very much and to win our first game there."
WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia with Brazil as my second choice."
N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "John Kosmina, Alan Niven, Arno Bertogna and Frank Pimblett."
OVERSEAS PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Glenn Hoddle and Ray Wilkins."
OCCUPATION?: "An Electrical Trades Assistant."
CAR YOU DRIVE?: "I don't own one at this stage."
OTHER HOBBIES?: "Golf and Squash."
FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Queensland fresh Seafoods."
FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "Striker."
OTHER GENERAL REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "I feel that Soccer in Australia is just NOT getting enough publicity to promote the code and pull the crowds in. I sincerely hope that it does get better as time goes on."
 "As for young kids playing Soccer, listen to your coaches and practice as much as you are able to."



RUSSELL STEWART

BIRTHDAY: March 27, 1964
BORN AT: Brisbane, Queensland.
SCHOOL: Sunnybank High.
JUNIOR CLUB?: "Mt Gravatt".
SENIOR CLUBS?: "Brisbane Lions."
INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CAREER?: "My Dad, and George Hayward."
FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "This year against Sydney City at home."
COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?: "Mexico, U.S.A. Costa Rica, New Guinea and England."
THOUGHTS ABOUT MEXICO?: "Looking forward to doing well and get into the Final to put Australia on the map."
WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia or Scotland."
N.S.L. PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "I respect all of them but John Kosmina and Joe Watson would have to be specials, wouldn't they?"
OVERSEAS PLAYERS RATED?: "Karl Heinz Rummenigge, Glenn Hoddle and Bryan Robson."
OCCUPATION?: "I'm a Brick-layer's apprentice."
OTHER HOBBIES?: "Surfing, Golf and Tennis."
FAVOURITE FOODS?: "Steak and Chips."
FAVOURITE SOCCER POSITION?: "Sweeper, where I played back in 1979 for Australia's Under 15s. Now I'm a midfielder."
OTHER REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "Bad, inconsistent refereeing just HAS to be top of the list. Junior players MUST practice on all their ball skills constantly and never give up on their tasks ahead of them."



ROY JONES

BIRTHDAY: September 20, 1963
BORN: Cottesloe, Perth.
SCHOOL: Kewdale High.
JUNIOR CLUBS: Belmont, Cracovia, Balga.
SENIOR CLUB: Forrestville.
INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CAREER?: "My Dad and Dave Beadle."
FIRST GRADE DEBUT?: "In 1979 with Forrestville against Azzurri."
COUNTRIES VISITED THROUGH SOCCER?: "New Guinea, Mexico, the USA, Costa Rica and New Zealand."
THOUGHTS ON MEXICO?: "Just to do very well."
WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD TITLE?: "Australia or Scotland."
NSL PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Grahame Jennings and Arno Bertogna."
OVERSEAS PLAYERS YOU RATE?: "Junior from Brazil and Liverpool's Hansen."
OCCUPATION?: "Student school teacher."
CAR YOU DRIVE?: "Falcon 500 1969."
OTHER HOBBIES?: "Sprint racing, Tennis and Cricket."
FAVOURITE FOODS?: "The lot. Just put it in front of me and it's gone. But 'T'-Bone steaks are top of the list."
FAVOURITE POSITION?: "Left-back."
GENERAL REMARKS ON SOCCER?: "The code here in Australia is improving all the time but I still want to see it more prominent on a world basis or standing."

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

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CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

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BIG KOTARA-MAITLAND SCHOOLS CLASH

THE stage is set for a blockbuster clash between Kotara and Maitland boys in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

Both teams had sound preparation for the match which will be played early second term.

Kotara defeated Glendale 4-1 and last year's Hunter Region champions Raymond Terrace, also 4-1.

Glendale had a large number of their 1981-82 Bill Turner Cup squad in the side.

Kotara inside forward Scott Harrison had a blinder against Raymond Terrace, scoring two goals.

David Aranyi, son of the former top grade coach, is playing well as is Simon Clarkson.

Maitland have Steven Ellenbacken (proving to be every bit as good as his father) scoring goals along with brilliant striker Simon Rutherford. Defender Michael

Wright impressed in the match against Newcastle High.

The Kotara v Maitland game is expected to feature in a night promotion along with Turner Cup games.

Merewether and Francis Greenway should be a torrid encounter. The difference could depend on the performance of the Beresfield brothers Stephen and David Gabriel.

David's game was the deciding factor in their win over Forster.

Booragul High School was in a state of shock after they had been soundly beaten by traditional rivals Wallsend by the tune of 8 goals to one. Records were searched

and it happens that 8-1 is the highest ever score in a senior school encounter.

Wallsend's opponents Belmont are not overawed by the results. Belmonts great fight back against Waratah showed them to be a capable outfit.

Defenders Mark Hutchison, Robert Jenkins and David Osborn are sound while Peter Barnes is a capable striker.

Singleton High from up the Valley caused two upsets by downing Cessnock and the more fancied Jemond.

They are not expected to be a match for the polished Whitebridge High.

Andrew Hamilton a forward with a powerful drive can score goals from all angles from up to twenty five yards. Reece Collins is another forward with the potential to win a game

CAIRNS IS WILD ABOUT FRANK

IN CAIRNS there aren't many more popular personalities than Canberra Arrows Young Soccerroo striker Frank Farina.

I have been lucky enough to spend two weeks a year in Cairns coaching teachers, parents and kids and the complete idolisation of Farina is something quite incredible.

Everyone in Cairns talks about what Frank is doing with the Young Soccerroo.

In the past if you didn't live in the main cities you had little chance of making it to the top.

Now kids from all over Australia have clearly defined guidelines to show them the path to the top — district teams, State teams, young Soccerroo, Soccerroo.

Farina is the perfect example of this.

Born in Darwin on 5/9/64, then spending seven years living in Papua New Guinea and finally Cairns normally would have meant that a talent like Farina would have never been discovered.

But playing for Mareeba in the State League, Ron Smith, assistant coach at the Australian Institute of Sport, spotted Farina and invited him to



a Queensland training camp.

There Farina caught the eye of Jimmy Shouder and was offered a prestigious scholarship at the Institute in Canberra.

By this time, Farina was really under the spot-

light, catching attention of Les Schienflug and thereby winning a place in Australia's Young Soccerroo team.

He is also on loan to the Canberra Arrows for this season gaining valuable NSL experience.

So it's really all happening for young Farina.

The WYC in Mexico, the second half of the NSL with the Arrows — then it will be time to sit down and take stock of his life.

Like most Young Soccerroos, Farina has completely neglected his studies to concentrate on the WYC.

He'd like to pursue an accounting career and intends enrolling in an accounting course at college once the WYC is over.

He'd also like to try his luck overseas although there will be many NSL clubs trying to gain his services in 1984 which may prevent his going overseas just yet.

One hopes Farina goes on with the job and really makes it here.

Already he is the idol of Northern Queensland and an inspiration to the thousands of kids in those areas.

The further he goes in the game the greater that inspiration will be.

Which can't be bad for Soccer in Australia.

HAVE TRAVEL WILL MEET



A group of Australian boys with Liverpool star Craig Johnston (centre) during last year's tour by Stephens Travel UK Youth Soccer Holidays.

Contact John Lane of Stephens Travel on 231 3833 for further details on this year's tour.



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CUP FINAL TEAM

THE Illawarra team which played St George in the 1983 Mini Ampol Cup final at St George Stadium last Sunday as the curtain-raiser to the Saints v Footscray match.



Back Row: Shane Hawker, Geoff Classon, Jamie Warren, Simon Hull, Jeff Allport, Jason Higgs, Eamon Stray, Peter Bott, Mineo Bonetig.

Front Row: Michael Del Ben, Shawn Beattie, Ian Padewski, Mark Troth, Chris Curtin, Robbie Perrie, Coach Brian Bott, Manager Ross Warren

ADELAIDE City coach Bobby Ferguson had no time to celebrate the derby win over West the other week.

When the final whistle blew he congratulated his players and raced off to bed suffering from flu.

★

NEWCASTLE KB United gave up their hold on the International Sports Centre in order that that City v Country Rugby League match could be staged there.

KB decided to play their game against Brisbane Lions at the Adamstown Sports Ground in opposition to the big league match.

★

TOUGH tackling English defensive duo Peter Burke and Gary Watson have played an important role in Newcastle's remarkable results to date.

Their experience has been particularly valuable to young defender Ralph Maier and Howard Tredinnick, while also providing ideal cover for Clint Gosling, in his first full season as KB's goalkeeper.

★

STEVE Amos, who starred as a midfielder for Lions after quitting West, could be in Adelaide City's line-up by the time you read this.

He is on State League club Para Hill's transfer list at his own request and has been working out with City.

★

Lots of Newcastle fans wonder how the skills of former favourite Ken Boden and exciting young striker David Lowe would complement each other.

Each possesses that remarkable flair for the unexpected which would have created havoc in most opposing defences.

★

FORMER West Wallsend coach Ray Lloyd has seen his new club Hamilton Red Star get off to a poor start in the Northern NSW series. Already there are rumours in the Red Star camp that his future is in doubt.

★

IS THE art of penalty kick conversion a dying craft — in recent weeks Bob Mountford (Newcastle KB United) and Greg Baldwin (Lake Macquarie skipper) made puny efforts from the spot.

★

ADELAIDE City have written off Nelio Borges as a potential signing.

The Sydney City player's demands were too rich for the SA club and they now look like concentrating on locals to boost their squad.

Key target is Croatia's English import Gary Price, a regular scorer since arriving four weeks ago.

★

WOLLONGONG Wolves coach Willie Wallace believes his team will soon click and start moving up

the table. Too many times they have been close to success without taking the points. No doubt he would be glad to have one or two more experienced players, but that is outside the budget.

Meanwhile Scott Dixon, involved in tertiary education in Wollongong, shows the ability to shield a ball well, get up in the air with his 6ft 11in height, and make some telling passes.

★

PRESTON coach Peter Ollerton is still as fit as they come. He notched seven goals in four games for Preston reserves whilst not appearing with the first team, and that speaks for itself.

★

DESPITE a cold, windy, drab day Canberra's return to Sunday Soccer against Newcastle was relatively well received. The paying customers numbered 2,518 — good considering the weather. But tragically, of course, just when Canberra so badly needed a win, a 1-0 Newcastle victory was the result. One wonders how the crowd received that loss — the first of the season. Given the worst weather months are almost on us, it remains to be seen whether the improved attendance continues.

★

CANBERRA'S youth squad is having its best ever season. No wonder, when one looks at some of the "youngsters" in the squad. To name a few against Newcastle recently, they included big Phil Redmond, Paul Ontong.



Tony Brennan: first grade

Ian Stone — and previously players like Tony Brennan have also appeared this year. But generally it is a genuinely young squad with several great prospects for the future.

★

FAIRY MEADOW have signed a third former Wollongong Wolves player in Clive Campbell d he made his debut in reserve grade against Rockdale.

Campbell played with Blacktown Demons and Croatia before switching to Fairy Meadow, giving the NSW South Coast team a really strong squad of 15 or 16 very good players from which to select their first grade side. Campbell is a New Zealand international. There is even strong



John Economos: First, Elton John: soccer/com-

It was like an old mates' reunion at Sydney's Rushcutters Bay Travelodge just before the Youth Socceros left for Mexico.

Familiar faces visiting the squad included Ian McAndrew, Tony Boskovic, Tom Patrick, Eddie

Thomson, Tommy Docherty and the well-known doctor from Australia's 1974 World Cup expedition, Brian Corrigan.

But the most welcome visitor on Monday night was ASW's John Economos, who came loaded with free copies of this paper for players and officials. That's service for you! On a Monday, too!

competition for a place on the bench at Fairy Meadow this season!

★



Les Schienflug: insisting

YOU have to hand it to the Young Socceros for being the smartest-looking squad of all time in training.

Disciplinarian coach Les Schienflug insists that all players wear uniform playing strips — jerseys, shorts and socks, all matching. The 16 field players wore blue and the two goalkeepers red on the day we watched.

Gone are the days when international players kept their oldest gear for Socceroo training sessions.

★

NSW Federation president Karel Rodny strongly denies the charge that the interstate match in Brisbane caused the NSL to cancel a full round of games.

"The NSL decided to put off all the matches — it had nothing to do with us," said Mr Rodny.

SHARING accommodation in Cabramatta are Marconi's imports Steve Winn and Tom Sermanni. They are no strangers. For a while they both played for Torquay United in the English League. Sermanni quickly became a favourite of the Marconi crowd, and Winn played for some time with Rotherham United. Hartlepool was keen to sign him but they were short of funds for new players, so, when the Marconi offer came along he was glad to have the chance to try his luck in Australia. By the way both players are without jobs. If there is anyone who could help, don't hesitate to get in touch with them via the club.



Steve Winn: hat-trick debut

A GOLDEN wedding with a difference! Not a wedding really — but 50 years of service to Soccer.

That's what well-known Canberra photographer Vladimir Stojanovic and Johnny Warren yarned about recently. They could look back, as in Johnny's case, one who earned so many honours as a player — and Vladimir as one who has seen and captured just as many through the lens of his camera.

"We've each been associated with the game 25 years," said Vladimir. "I can remember first taking pictures of Johnny Warren when he was a young kid with Canterbury Marrickville."

"We still keep bumping into each other."



Vladimir Stojanovic and Johnny Warren: golden

PLENTY of Sydney Olympic fans have been calling for coach Tommy Docherty to use orthodox wingers.

The Doc commented: "That's a good idea. Trouble is — I haven't got wingers."

Last season Olympic used Graham Jennings and Jim Redfern on the wings. Jennings is now a full-back and Redfern is ... where?



Graham Jennings: wingers

WATSON'S CROSSES

MY CLUB, Sydney City, will again experiment with Saturday Soccer when we come up against South Melbourne this week at the Sydney Athletic Field.

It is hoped we can attract more spectators with this switch and, if successful, we will probably continue to play our remaining home fixtures on Saturdays.

There are many kids playing the game on Saturday mornings in surrounding suburbs and I am sure that many of them can be lured along to support the Slickers during the afternoons.

This week's game against South Melbourne is sure to be an entertaining one. Although the Gunners are going through a horror patch at the moment they will be no pushover.

They have too many talented players to be languishing near the bottom of the League for long. Unfortunately, for them, they will have to wait a little longer before they climb up the ladder as we are in no mood to give away any points, especially at the Athletic Field where our home record is second to none.

So, come on all you local Soccer fanatics and see the Slickers. I'm sure you will get your money's worth.

Congratulations to my teammate Murray Barnes and his wife Sally, who gave birth to a baby boy last Saturday.

Murray pulled out of the game against Leichhardt at the last minute, but I'm sure it was worth it. The Big Feila will be rarin' to go now and we should see the best of Murray Barnes against South Melbourne.

Last Saturday's game against Leichhardt was a memorable one for me. Not only did we win 2-0, but it marked the anniversary of my arrival in Aus-



Joe Watson

tralia 10 years ago.

My first game for Sydney City, then called Hakoah, was against Sydney's other Italian team Marconi. Although we went down 1-0 that day Hakoah still went on to win the premiership and I had my first taste of success with the club.

There were many fine players with the club then including John Watkins, Alan Marnoch, Ray Baartz, Jimmy McKay and Joe Fletcher.

From that first premiership win I've been fortunate to have played a part in a team that has gone on to win trophy after trophy in the last 10 years.

I am now in my 11th season with Sydney City and find that my enthusiasm for the game is as great as ever. Over the past few seasons competition for first team places at the club has been tremendous and I feel a personal satisfaction at having been able to keep my place in a team so often full of class players.

Hopefully, I can still keep my spot for a few more years and I am sure that the club will again be strong contenders for yet another premiership success.

Reflecting over the past few years, I feel the general standard of play hasn't improved a great deal. The League, though, has become more competitive as shown in this year's results. And I also believe the game is a lot more physical now than it was several years ago.

Because of these factors it is imperative our top referees are in charge at all times. Only when a referee has proved himself in lower grades should he be promoted to handle NSL games.



David Smallman: tremendous midfielder



Len McKendry: no way

DEAN IS WELL

Dean Hennessey, the Albion Rovers sweeper, has impressed a number of people during his first season in Australia.

Dean arrived here at the beginning of March after having a spell playing with his father in the US.

"I have come out here to see if I can better my game and hopefully do a good job for Albion. There were very little opportunities in the US for young players who wanted to play at a

good standard."

While in England Dean had a number of trials with different league teams including Wolves and Notts County.

The seventeen year old son of former Welsh international captain and Derby County defender Terry Hennessey has played in all of this season's games and hopes to continue playing his determined role at the heart of the Albion defence.

DON'T WRITE OFF GULLY

GREEN Gully coach Len McKendry said this week if people think they can write off his team then let them think that.

Len has been criticised recently for turning Gully from one of the most attractive sides in the State to what some people are claiming to be a defensive team.

Len said "This is not true, although I must admit that I have changed our style of play."

"Last season they used a lot of long balls because they had the height up front in Gus McLeod, he is no longer here so we

can't use that style of play anymore.

"I have got two relatively small players up front so a high ball is not a good service for them."

"There are also players here whom I felt were not being used to the best of their ability. We are lucky enough to have one of the best midfielders in the game at Gully in David Smallman."

"He has got tremendous vision and also the ability to exploit what he sees, with this sort of player in midfield it is pointless to hit long hopeful balls."

"I am a strong believer that two short passes are better than one long one

and with players like Dave and Willie Vasselows can give our forwards the type of service they need," said the Gully coach.

Gully have lost only one game in 18, not a bad record for a team that people are saying are not what they used to be.

McKendry said "I have got players who are there to do a special job, such as Stuart Cannell and Peter Lewis who defend as well as any players in the league."

"Everyone wants to beat the champions but I feel that there are very few teams who will beat us because my players are enjoying the style we

are playing and we are playing to most of their strengths," said Len.

The former Heidelberg coach who also had a spell in charge of the State team has at this stage no thoughts of retaining the title as he says it is too far away to worry

"I only like to look as far ahead as our next game, then if we are in there at the finish we will worry about winning the title and not until then," he said.

Gully are at present considering bringing a player from overseas as they have not got the quota of visa players they are allowed

CROATIA MUST SCORE

MELBOURNE Croatia have had one major problem lately, putting the ball in the net.

Although last season's runners-up have scored more goals than any other team in the State League, over the last few games they have not scored consistently.

A scoreless draw with Croydon at Olympic Park and being beaten by Juventus at the same ground can hardly be described as good home form.

Coach John Gardiner is not unduly worried at this stage as he said "We are creating a lot of chances but at the moment are not putting them away."

"It would be more of a problem if we were not making any chances."

"We are playing teams who seem to have a problem getting out of their own half. If we don't score early on then a little bit of frustration sets in."

"Lately we are being caught with our defenders getting forward and a quick break often creates a good chance for our opponents."

"We are getting the chances but because there are ten or twelve players in front of the goal these chances are not so easy," said the former Green Gully sweeper.

Croatia have bought Richie McLunnie from Morwell Falcons and he has been scoring consistently in the reserves in recent matches.

He may be the one who will score the goals that Croatia need to go on and win the title.

Explosive winger Tommy Cumming is having a great season, he is as fast as ever although his stamina may need a little work on.

Croatia are believed to be looking to the overseas scene for a couple of players but they will need to be good to make an impression on a side that is certain to be challenging for the title at the end of the season.

CHANGED STYLE



Willie Vassallo (Green Gully): confident Tony Heery (Juventus): determination. Bobby Toal (rear) watchful.

Get Smart, up for grabs

Morwell Falcons' experienced defender Grant Smart has asked to be placed on the transfer list.

Grant has been with the club three years and ranked last season as one of the most consistent

fullbacks in the State League.

After returning from a family visit to Scotland Grant has found it hard to regain the form that earned him so much respect.

Coach Tony Boggs would say only that Grant had asked for a transfer. The committee would consider the matter when Grant put his request in writing.

The former Montrose player is not happy with reserve team football after starting the season in the first team.

He said: "I can get away for around the \$2000 dollar mark. Playing in the reserves is not doing me or the club any good. Perhaps the time has come for me to move on."

Grant feels that with such a small fee on his head he can get away and back into the swing of playing first team soccer.

NORTHCOTE RISING

After eight rounds of this season's League one of the surprises must be Northcote City.

Last year's wooden spooners find themselves in the happy position of being only three points behind the pacesetters.

A major clear out at the start of the season saw most of last year's squad being sold and a complete rebuilding job was begun by coach Tony Vrzina.

"We have had good

results against what are supposed to be the better teams in the League."

"Against Polonia we played very well and got the result we deserved. After being well beaten by Croatia we were unlucky not to get something out of the game at Green Gully where we

played well in the second half."

"People still class us as underdogs when we play most of our games, but we have shown that no team will come to John Cain Reserve from now on and go away with anything without a battle," said coach Tony Vrzina.

Northcote have the players at the club to match any body, players like John Creany, George Bozikas and the two Irish imports Mark Wilson and Jeff Gorman will give little away and with the experience of Steve Moore and Sammy Wright in midfield they can produce good chances regularly.

Striker Spiros Tsetsos scored three goals in two games, two against the strong Morwell Falcons side who are themselves having a bad run after a promising start.



Ante Bilaver, teamster

NSL AND ASF RIFTING APART

BY TOM MCKAIN

FROM now on the NSL and ASF should come out in the open with their suggestions for the 1984 season.

CURTAIN RAISER PLANNED FOR Q'LAND U-20s

QUEENSLAND school soccer officials are hoping to arrange a match between an Australian Schoolboys team and the Institute Of Sport side at Spencer Park later this year.

Queensland is hosting the Australian Under-20 Schools Championships from August 29 to September 4 and are hoping the match will be the highlight of the tournament. It would be played as a curtain-raiser to the scheduled National League match.

The Australian team would be picked from the five sides competing in the Australian championships: Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory.

Queensland selectors last weekend named a 16-man squad for the championships and also chose 11 shadow players to cover the expected loss to the Queensland Under-16 side which will go to the National Championships at the same time as the Schools titles.

The Queensland squad is: Francis Bizzotto (Merrimac), John Bryans (Mt Maria), Jeff Sunderson (Nth Bundaberg), Frank Byrne (Ipswich Grammar), Andrew Carmen (St Augustine's), Lawrence Carswell (St. Augustine's), Mark Clayton

(Camp Hill), Bernie David (Cairns), Chris Fegan (Coorparoo), Nev Gooding (Salisbury), Paul Grocott (Springwood), Jeff Jasch (Aspley), Alan Milligan (Townsville), Nick Nicolaou (Camp Hill), John Petie (Bremner), Bert Van Mannen (Kingston). The Shadow Players are Mike Anderson (Kingston), Ray Bott (Redcliffe), Stephen Cordones (St Augustine's), Simon Doyle (Bundaberg), Steven Francia (Merrimac), Dallas Graham (St. Edmund's), Colin Junna (Mareeba), Paul McGilvray (Cairns), Mark Power (Mount Gravatt), Gordon Tooth (Cairns), Frank Vallie (Burdakin).

Brisbane West won last week's State championships when it beat Far North Queensland 1-0 in the final. Pierre Malhallo scored the winner.

Brisbane West, whose defence was outstanding through the tournament, had earlier finished second in its group to Far North but in the semi-final outclassed the other group winner North Queensland with two goals from Marcello Mejais to reach the final.

The farcical situation with conflicting "leaked" stories the other week caused an even wider rift between NSL and State League clubs.

It would have been better had the NSL come into the open with their options for a new format.

This way everyone, including fans, could have been let into the picture and given a chance, even unofficially, to state their views.

Now it is chaos again with speculation rife and feelings again running high — with still no statement to pacify those who feel slighted.

SA officials almost called a meeting of State League clubs, many of whom want to be considered for any new league for next season or even later if there is to be any promotion or relegation system.

Officials who thought they could keep the proposals secret until they were studied by the ASF and then the States must be very naive.

And what is the harm

in letting the rest of the soccer fraternity know?

It is the only way to avoid harmful, and at times contrived leaks, which do nothing to foster soccer's image as a stable sport.

The situation in SA is that State League officials, particularly the club level, trust NSL and ASF delegates even less than they did before.

They are still in the dark as to what is happening as so far they have yet to be given an assurance that they will be given reasonable warning on a new format.

Player purchases,

SOCCER IMAGE POOR

ground upgrading and membership drives cannot take place on four weeks' notice.

NSL chairman, Mr Sam Papasavas, has assured us that he expects all details of the proposals to be released to State Federations and clubs by the end of this month.

We hope so, then perhaps sanity and harmony will return to the game.

STAR FOR MONARO

BY KEITH GILMOUR

CRACK Yugoslav Under-23 international Nikola Duvnjak arrived in Australia last week to play for NSW State League side Inter-Monaro for the next two years.

News of the signing was given by Monaro's president, Laurie Pastrello, who said of Duvnjak: "He has the potential to be not just one of the best players in NSW State League, but in Australian Soccer."

Mr Pastrello said Monaro was thrilled to have been able to sign him.

Once before, less than a year ago, Australia sighted his talents — but all too briefly.

He was originally brought to Australia by Marconi but returned after playing only three games because of family problems.

But to Monaro's coach Roberto Vieri, then with Marconi, he showed enough to prove he possessed great skills.

"We need a player of his skill and experience. Although primarily a midfielder, he can play up front and is capable of scoring goals," Pastrello said.

"Considering we are still team-building he is just what we need."

YANKOS CLAIMS PLACE

CHARLIE Yankos, the outstanding Heidelberg central defender, laid a strong claim for a place in the Australian team to play England when he appeared for Australia in the trial match against NSW at Cook Park, St Mary's.

Yankos was very reliable in defence, and when he went forward to make a break he was all authority and precise in his passing.

Ken Murphy from South Melbourne was not in the play as much as he would have liked but he showed the skill necessary to justify his selection.

He and Phil O'Connor were sound wingers with the ability to play on the left. O'Connor scored one goal and laid on a devastating pass for John Kosmina's goal.

Gerry Gomez gave a bright display, complete with a cracking goal. He played in an unusual role right up behind the forwards and inevitably he struggled when getting back to cover in defence.

Classy Alan Davidson and John Kosmina put their stamp on the game.

Replacement Peter Stone, could be on the verge of selection if George Christopoulos remains unfit along with full-back Steve Perry, but Peter Katholos disappointed.

NSW, beaten 3-1 after being on even terms at 1-1 after half-time, had some worthwhile players.

Greg Woodhouse could well come under coach Frank Arok's notice again. In a tight spot he is the most reliable goalkeeper on show in the country today. Arok, however, could prefer Kim Wishart.

Rob Wheatley's adventurous spirit and ability to shine with clever passes cannot have escaped notice.

Arno Bertogna and Tony Henderson played their own typical games, and left-side exponent Peter Tredinnick and striker David Mitchell both stood out over the 90 minutes.

The night was a winner for Penrith United, attracting a crowd of 6,000 which included some 2,500 youngsters.

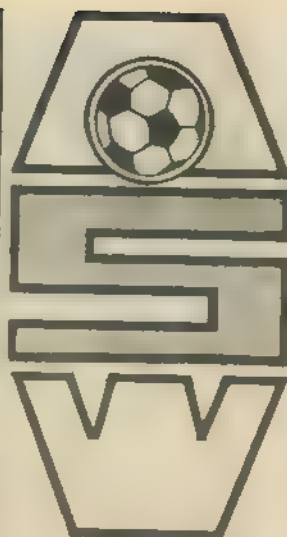
Penrith, reinforced by Ken Boden, Ian Hunter and Tony Rasmussen,

went down 1-2 to Melita Eagles in an enjoyable pipe-opener.

Penrith City Council Brian King and senior NSW Government ministers, Ron Mulock and Peter Anderson were among the spectators. AUSTRALIA Greedy Cant Davidson (Illoski) M O'Shea, Yankos, S O'Connor, Gomez (Perry), Katholos (Stone), Soper (Jankovics), Kosmina (P O'Connor), Murphy.

NSW Woodhouse (James), Wheatley, Carter (Koussas), Bertogna, Henderson, Bozanic, Phillips Meades, Tredinnick, Slater Mitchell (Cross), Cotton Referee D Renzie. Australia 3 (Gomez, Kosmina, P. O'Connor), NSW 1 (Bozanic). Crowd 6166.

BY KEITH GILMOUR



PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

TERRY GREEDY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEXT month, Australia will take on the might of England in a series of three Tests.

I expect Frank Arok, Australia's coach, when he announces his final Test squad, to name St George's goalkeeper, Terry Greedy to look after Australia's nets.

Who is Terry Greedy??? Terry was born in the northern NSW country town of Lismore in 1955 (August 27th to be precise).

He began his Soccer career as a centre-back when playing junior Soccer with Thistle and the Atalo Stars.

When Terry was 14 his goalkeeper was smashed up in a game, and the coach, as a stop-gap move, slotted Terry into goal.

Greedy enjoyed his new position so much he decided to stay.

After completing High School Greedy went to college graduating as a Primary School teacher. The Education Department unwittingly pushed the country lad into the big-time when they transferred Greedy to Sydney to his first teaching post.

Greedy set about looking for a new club, signing with State League side, Bankstown.

Greedy spent two seasons with Bankstown before Melita Eagles recognised the lad's potential and snapped him up on a two-year contract.

Terry, married (wife Rosemary) with two children (Michelle 19 months and Mark two months), relished his new challenge, and soon made an impact in the State League. So much so that St George's manager-coach, Frank Arok, began to take notice.

When the Saints played Melita, they had to struggle to beat the Eagles, mainly due to the herculean efforts of one Terry Greedy. In fact still today, Greedy states: "We were robbed in that match. We lost 2-1 but should have at least cracked a draw when Donny Allan scored the 'equaliser' that was disallowed."

But Greedy had left a mark in Arok's mind, and when the Saints were promoted to the NSL again, Greedy was the first reinforcement Arok signed to bolster his squad, ready for the return to big time Soccer.

I caught up with Terry Greedy last week as he trained with the Australian squad for the coming England Test series and fired the following questions at him.

Q: Was any particular person responsible for



your dramatic rise to the bag-time scene in Soccer?

A: "Well, I owe a lot to at least three people."

"The first was a coach I had at Lismore, Dick Morrissey. Then when I arrived at Melita, Atti Abonyi worked me very hard and pressured me with great reflex work."

"After two seasons with Melita, Saints bought me and Frank Arok continued the pressure training but also gambled on me in the first team just before last year's Grand Final. I've held my place. Now, Arok has gone a step further by bringing me into the Australian training squad. So again he is sticking his neck out pitching for me. I owe him heaps."

Greedy may feel he owes Arok heaps, but recently I saw the Saints being cut up by the fast, attacking, stampeding, Sydney Olympic, and if it wasn't for Greedy, St George would have been murdered.

Instead, Greedy murdered Sydney Olympic. So much so that after pulling off no fewer than five spectacular saves, (two from absolutely point-blank range), the Saints were able to hit back and get off the ropes to score another goal and win the match 1-2 at Pratten Park.

Q: Who are some of your favourite NSL players?

A: "Sydney Olympic's goalkeeper, Gary Meier and John Kosmina from Sydney City. I must also have to say Johnny O'Shea, one of Australia's most underrated yet most consistent players. Thank God he plays with Saints."

Q: Who are your world class goalkeepers???

A: "Peter Shilton of England, plus Manchester

United's Gary Bailey. West Ham's giant goalkeeper, Phil Parkes, isn't too bad either. You don't get much of a chance to "chip" him over the top, do you??"

Q: What are some of your thoughts on the coming England "Test" series with Australia?

A: "I reckon Australia is in a real good position. We have nothing to lose and all to gain. We will give our best shot at them."

"Look at what Greece was able to achieve against them. If we are well organised, and Arok is the man to do it with all his European experience, I think we'll give it a good shake."

Q: What are some of the things that bug you about Australian Soccer??

A: "The fact that overall we don't really seem to be getting anywhere. There's all the talk about having nearly 500,000 registered players in Australia, but why aren't these people coming to watch the big games in the Soccer League? The game seems to be stagnant for the last few years."

"Another point is that the people that are running the code or in charge, are more intent on personal aspirations, leaving the good of the game aside. This is a great shame really."

Q: Any other general remarks about Soccer you wish to make???

A: "Yeah, I feel that the NSL should desperately try to get more T.V. exposure for Soccer and not just leave the lot to Channel 9-28 who seem to be the ONLY ones doing anything for Soccer. Much more publicity is needed."

"Another point is that the senior clubs should get far more involved with the juniors. Arok at St George is trying something every week with the junior clubs. He encourages the junior coaches, players and administrators. He gets involved with them all down the line."

When Australia runs out onto the pitch to lock horns with England in June, Terry Greedy, the boy from Lismore, could be the man guarding Australia's posts.

Built like a tank with fair height, Greedy is the man for the job.

The Englishmen will automatically test out Australia's goalkeeper's courage on contact, and when they do, they will find this ex-centre-back turned goalkeeper, ready, willing and above all, ABLE.

NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 11 MAY 21/22

	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
GROUP A				
Blacktown Assn v Ku-Ring-Gai	2-0	0-3	1-1	0-3
Central Coast v Granville	3-0	1-1	0-7	Cent
Auburn v Melita	0-0	2-2	7-0	2-0
Manly v Canterbury	4-1	1-1	6-1	Def.
St George, bye				

GROUP B				
Southern Dists v Nth Bankstown	0-0	4-0	1-1	7-0
Polonia v Gladesville	2-1	1-1	2-0	0-2
Illawarra v APIA	Def	2-5	1-0	3-1
Croatia v Sydney City	0-0	0-1	1-2	Def
Sutherland, bye				

GROUP C				
Blk'town City v Canterbury-Marr	2-0	0-0	1-2	2-2
Bankstown v Avala	0-2	3-0	0-4	3-1
Nepean v Sydney Olympic	1-1	1-1	1-2	1-2
Marconi v Macarthur	Mar.	1-0	2-0	5-0
Marconi v Baulkham Hills (def)	3-0	6-1	6-0	12-1
Baulkham Hills, bye				

POINTS

U/13:
GROUP A: St George 19, Central Coast 18, Manly 13, Auburn 12, Blacktown Assn 12, Melita 10, Ku-Ring-Gai 8, Granville 7, Canterbury 4

GROUP B: Illawarra 17, Sutherland 16, Polonia 16, Gladesville 15, Southern Dists 11, Croatia 11, APIA 6, Nth Bankstown 6, Sydney City 4

GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 19, Blacktown City 16, Nepean 16, Bankstown 15, Marconi 11, Avala 11, Canterbury-Marr 10, Baulkham Hills 6

U/14:
GROUP A: St George 18, Manly 16, Canterbury 15, Granville 13, Auburn 12, Central Coast 11, Ku-Ring-Gai 10, Melita 6, Blacktown Assn 3

GROUP B: Southern Dists 22, Sutherland 18, APIA 16, Illawarra 13, Polonia 12, Gladesville 10, Sydney City 8, Croatia 3, Nth Bankstown 2

GROUP C: Canterbury-Marr 16, Nepean 15, Sydney Olympic 15, Marconi 15, Baulkham Hills 13, Bankstown 12, Blacktown City 12, Macarthur 5, Avala 3

U/15:
GROUP A: Granville 20, Auburn 17, St George 16, Ku-Ring-Gai 12, Canterbury 10, Manly 9, Melita 7, Central Coast 7, Blacktown Assn 6

GROUP B: Illawarra 17, Polonia 17, Sutherland 16, APIA 15, Southern Dists 11, Gladesville 8, Croatia 8, Sydney City 8, Nth Bankstown 4

GROUP C: Marconi 21, Sydney Olympic 16, Avala 13, Blacktown City 13, Canterbury-Marr 13, Baulkham Hills 12, Nepean 9, Bankstown 5, Macarthur 4

U/16:
GROUP A: St George 19, Ku-Ring-Gai 14, Canterbury 13, Auburn 13, Manly 11, Central Coast 9, Blacktown Assn 8, Melita 5
GROUP B: Southern Dists 17, APIA 17, Illawarra 16, Gladesville 15, Sutherland 12, Sydney City 9, Polonia 5, Nth Bankstown 5, Croatia 4
GROUP C: Marconi 19, Sydney Olympic 17, Canterbury-Marr 16, Nepean 12, Bankstown 11, Avala 11, Blacktown City 10, Baulkham Hills 7, Macarthur 3

STATE CUPS ROUND 3 SUNDAY MAY 29

CUP SUCCESS

THE NEPEAN representative under 12 team went through the Centenary Cup series at Ashley Brown Oval undefeated.

In a tremendous final they defeated St George 4-2 on penalties after being 1-1 at full-time.

This was the culmination of an excellent series, with the lesser lights showing a huge improvement on previous years.

Macquarie won the third place play-off from

Newcastle by 4-0.

All four semi-finalists came through their pools undefeated.

The entry totalled 23 teams and Bill Lodge, who ably handled the refereeing appointments, believes that there will be many more interested teams in 1984.

YOUTH LEAGUE TEAMS OVERSEAS SOCCER TOURS



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TURNER CUP POPULARITY IS SPREADING

THE idea behind the Turner Cup for under 15 schools Soccer teams was born in the Hunter Valley, often referred to as the cradle of Soccer in Australia.

Perceiving the need for schools from the State, Private and Catholic sectors of education to compete together in a major competition, they started with the Newcastle region and 30 teams in 1979.

The idea was right and in spite of a lack of sponsorship the competition has increased to cater for 219 schools this year.

It is fair to say that the possibilities of the competition have not even been tapped.

Teachers Barry Kemp and Phil Murray, with the assistance of the vastly experienced Bill Turner (after whom the competition was named), soon found many schools in all parts of the state and the ACT which wished to join in.

So much so that the final 16 this year will include teams from almost every nook and cranny of NSW.

The 16 will comprise Upper North Coast, Lower North Coast, Newcastle (3), Upper North West, Lower North West, Central Coast, Sydney (4), ACT, Riverina, Far West and South Coast.

A quick look through the schools from outside the state system in the Sydney region indicates the value of the competition.

Included are such schools as Knox Grammar, St Aloysius College, Gilroy College, Patrician Bros. Granville, Christian Community HS, Christian Bros. Sutherland, De La Salle Ashfield, Cranbrook School, Pittwater Grammar, St Pius Chats-

wood, Blue Mountains Grammar and St Dominics Penrith.

It has been a big job for John Moscovis (Epping High) and Phil Hare (Muirfield High) to get the Sydney end moving at short notice. They deserve every co-operation in keeping things moving.

ASW will bring you the scores as the results unfold.

TOUR NOTES

How To Proceed

THE refreshing interest in junior and schools teams in overseas and international tours has brought questions about the correct methods of gaining approval for these visits.

The first move is to write to your local association requesting the necessary permission.

The details required are:

- Full itinerary of tour,
- names of all players involved,
- names of all officials involved,
- the contact of the team/club/association which is hosting you, or you are hosting if it is an inwards tour.

Your local association will obtain the necessary permission, including

that of the Australian Soccer Federation if an international visit is involved.

Apart from the European and American tours that are so popular, there are many visits that could be considered which are not so costly.

These include New Zealand, which should be highly prized, and other Pacific and near-Asian countries.

In addition, more contact between the Eastern and Southern States is desirable.



KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT S.A.S.

Interested qualified persons are invited to apply for the position of

DIRECTOR OF COACHING FOR 1984 SEASON

The appointee will be required to lead a team of coaches and conduct coaching courses.

Applications should be sent to:

R. Wood, Secretary, Ku-Ring-Gai District Soccer Assn.
29 Yeramba Street, Turramurra 2074.

Applications close June 21 1983.



KEITH GILMOUR JS JUNIOR SCENE



I AM 15 years old and a loyal supporter of Newcastle KB United Soccer team. One of my favourite players in the team is Ralph Maier.

He plays in the defence position, which is a very

MY FAVOURITE PLAYER

important role in the team as he is almost the last player who can stop the ball before the opposition has a chance to "kick the ball into the net".

Ralph is a talented Young Soccerroo who plays simple, basic soccer.

It is a pleasure to watch him play and he definitely deserves more recognition than he gets in the world of our young Soccer stars.

Deborah Williams
Kotara South, 2288

(Thanks, Debbie, for your letter, and it is good to see that you support



Ralph Maier and the Newcastle KB United team. The Sports Centre is arranging to forward your sports bag to you).

ENTER NOW

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to **AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY** up to the issue of September 27, 1983 qualify for consideration for this year's prizes.

They are: First \$300, Second \$200, Third \$100, with two consolation prizes of \$75 each. The decision of the editorial staff is final. Keep your news and photos coming in to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007. (Black & white pictures are preferred, but we will do our best with all color shots supplied).

SEND ON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



ERIC ARNEIL AT PARKLEA

NSW Director of Coaching Eric Arneil will be available for contact through the NSW Soccer Federation office at Parklea (Tel. 629 1800) from June 1, 1983.

Until now one of the big difficulties has been an inability to extend a coaching service to schools and he will attempt to improve this vital area as soon as he can within the time available.

A watering system and drainage pipes are in site at the Parklea grounds and turf is being laid.

The aim is to have five grounds available for play by the end of the year if the weather is kind, otherwise as soon as possible after that.

There is a tentative plan to play the 1984 Australian under 16 championships at the grounds.

At present the NSW under 16 squad is going through the selection process, and it should be announced by June 7. This year's series is to be played in Victoria.



"You helped swell the gate today — 7,576 spectators watched the game and you made it 7,577"



SEVEN (Little) AUSTRALIANS!

WHAT a joy to be involved in the "coaching" and "managing" of seven energetic little boys. Makes one feel wanted to see the boys run as fast as they can to get to the coach at training matches. The enthusiasm evident in the boys was a sight to behold.

The skills improved greatly during the season — an improvement noticed by the coach, the parents and especially the boys themselves. There was a sense of achievement in doing something that you could not do last week.

The skills awards provided a stimulus in training — one that all the players could achieve.

Even the awarding of the certificates, badges, etc., was an exciting time for the boys and then — the outing to "Macs".

All in all the whole exercise contributed to great feeling among the boys and among the parents.

All the boys contributed to a successful season — successful not in terms of wins and losses but in the sense of a feeling of per-

sonal achievement by the boys themselves. Gary and Daniel F for their big kicks, Nathan T and Daniel B for their dribbling, James for his speedy running and kicking, Anthony and Nathan P for their tackling, Bernard and Robert (missing from the photo) for their positional play.

BY COURTESY, PHIL TUCKER, KU-RING-GAI SOCCER NEWS.



Downer-Olympic's Under-9 team meet their NSL heroes — the Arrows — before a recent game at Bruce Stadium. Surrounded by the nippers are (left to right at back), Gary Byrne and Jim Murray and front, skipper Terry Byrne and John Moutsopoulos.

Picture courtesy of Vladimir Stojanovic.

GREAT THRILL FOR THE KIDS

BY STEVE BURNS

THE nippers from Canberra's Downer-Olympic Under-9 team got the thrill of their young Soccer lives recently when they met their "big brothers" — Canberra's NSL squad, the Arrows.

It was part of the Arrows policy of involving junior teams in match day promotions.

The youngsters, after meeting their NSL heroes, then played a short exhibition match.

Said coach Phil Datsun: "They're all just learning the game — learning the basic skills and how to enjoy Soccer."

"They are one of nine junior squads from the Under-8's to Under-15's covered by Downer-Olympic."

"There is no doubt that putting on an exhibition match at Bruce Stadium and then meeting the NSL Arrows players was a fantastic thrill."

"Now I'm hopeful to get the Arrows to consider adopting some of our junior teams, 50 players could periodically turn up at training — even put the kids through their paces."

"The benefits for everyone would be enormous."

The Ravens put it all together

THE Gladesville Ravens Sports Club was founded as a social club specifically to promote junior Soccer in the Gladesville area in 1960.

At the senior level, the district was represented at that time in the NSW Soccer Federation Division 1 by the Gladesville-Ryde team, and many of the talented local juniors went on to play with this senior team (not associated with the Ravens).

The founding committee, led for six years by the energetic Bob Clark, had two main aims. The first was to put junior Soccer on a firmer financial footing than was possible in the Protestant Churches Soccer Association that was active in the area.

The second was to develop a ground specifically for junior Soccer that would serve as a substantial, visible symbol for the game in the community. With these aims in mind, a group of players and their parents left the Gladesville Christ Church teams and formed the Ravens.

From the outset, members demonstrated keen determination in organis-



ing and disciplining themselves to raise money to develop the game for the youth of the area.

With remarkable foresight, the original

... put Junior soccer on a firmer financial footing ...

committee approached Ryde Council for permission to develop a small patch of bushland in Gladesville as a Soccer ground.

It bore the name "Raven Park," which along with nearby Raven Street and Raven Point on the Parramatta River, provided the name and emblem for the club.

They did not know then

that the prominent Raven name originated with Captain William Raven, a pioneer land-holder whose 285 acre farm in 1799 covered the entire area.

In 1969, the Ravens entered a senior team in a lower division of the Inter-suburban League. With enthusiastic players and good coaching, the team has been remarkably successful, progressing upwards at first through the Inter-suburban divisions and then through the Soccer Federation divisions.

In 1979 and 1980 the Gladesville Ravens were the Club Champions and Runners-up in Division 2. In 1981 the Ravens successfully completed their

first season in Division 1. They are currently the highest ranked local team.

In 1982 the club brought Soccer for girls into its activities and immediately fielded five teams.

Soccer, cricket and netball adds diversity to a program of community sporting activity of which the Ravens can be proud.

CUT OUT FOR YOUR CLUB ROOM

FAIR PLAY CODES FOR CHILDREN IN SPORT

PLAYER

- 1 Play for your own enjoyment, not just to please parents, teachers or coaches.
- 2 Control your temper — fighting and "mouthing off" spoil the game for everybody.
- 3 Co-operate with your team-mates and opponents for without them you don't have a game.
- 4 Play by the rules.
- 5 Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- 6 Winning is only part of it. Having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing your best, are also important.
- 7 Cheer all good plays, both your team's and the opponents'.
- 8 Remember that coaches and officials are here to help you. Co-operate with them.

PARENT

- 1 Remember children play for their enjoyment not yours.
- 2 Encourage your child to play by the rules of the game and by the fair play codes.
- 3 Show your appreciation of volunteer coaches and officials.
- 4 Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 5 Turn defeat into victory by emphasising the value of honest effort, skill improvement and fair play.
- 6 As spectators, applaud all good plays both your team's and the opponents'.
- 7 Actions speak louder than words. Make sure your behaviour sets a good example for fair play.
- 8 Support all efforts to remove violence from children's sport.



NSW UNDER 16 STATE CUP

Pictured is the North Epping Rangers squad, who reached the 1982 final only to be eliminated by Castle Hill Sports Club.

The result was 2-1, with the Rangers forcing Castle Hill into extra time at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda.

SUNSHINE COAST TOPS AT QUEENSLAND'S WIDE BAY CARNIVAL

BY ANDREW STILLMAN

THE Sunshine Coast Association ran out winners in the Wide Bay Zone Soccer Carnival played at Maryborough over the Anzac Day weekend.

The winners took the Tobacco Growers Shield from last year's holders Bundaberg.

Teams in age groups from U11 to U15 came from Bundaberg, Gympie, Maryborough and Sunshine Coast.

At the end of the carnival Mr Peter Cox, President of the Wide Bay Zone, named the players selected in squads for the Wide Bay Zone in U13,

U14 and U15 age groups.

They will compete in the Queensland championships on July 2-9 at Gladstone (U13), Toowoomba (U14), and Bundaberg (U15). Team coaches are Peter Kelly (U13), Jeff Black (U14) and Jim Harkness (U15).

The U12 teams to compete for the Harry Lining Cup at Maryborough in September will be named later.

GREENACRE SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB

U/10 K-O TEAMS REQUIRED

Sunday 29th May, 1983

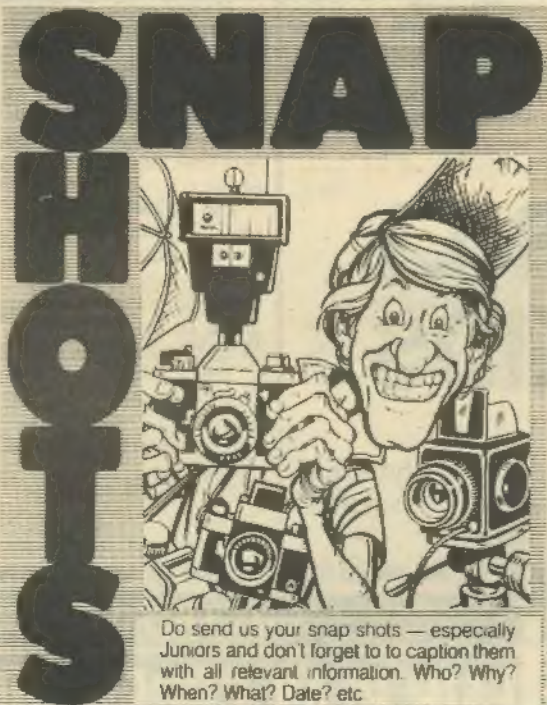
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1ST 16 TEAMS ENTERED

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Do send us your snap shots — especially Juniors and don't forget to caption them with all relevant information. Who? Why? When? What? Date? etc.



Maryborough U13 representative team 1983 Coach: Gordon Hobbs (Back Row, Left) Manager: Gordon Geritz (Right) Back Row: Ricky Jones, Bradley Ross, Graeme Eberle, Stephen Dean, Mark Geritz Stephen Grohn, Bevan Bauer, Paul Johnson. Front Row: Jason Rufus, David Cook, Glen Barsby, Chris Faulger, Andrew Hobbs, Peter Southern, Shane Haddow.

OVERSEAS TOUR PLANNING

SOCCER clubs and schools looking for overseas tours can check the availability of economical trips with the US Cultural Exchange and Sports Society.

With Australian headquarters in Newcastle, they operate sporting tours to all parts of the world, and particularly the United States, Britain, Europe and New Zealand.

Costs are kept to a reasonable figure by arranging for the teams to be hosted in the country of their choice.

The contact is Tony Keene, PO Box 5281D, Newcastle West 2302. Telephone 049 2 1012, 26 4548 (B) or 049 55 9268 (Pvt).



Campbelltown PBC Under 9 Side

LAST year the Campbelltown Police Boys U8 Div 3 team did some rebuilding and managed to end up in fourth position in their competition. This year they are in Macarthur Association's U9 Div 2 competition and it remains to be seen where they finish up. They have their eyes on eventually being a first division team. They are very lucky to have Graeme Brunton as their coach. He holds a ASF coach's badge and is trying to improve his team's play each week.

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NO ROOM FOR MARCONI'S UNDER 16s

MEMBERS of Marconi's under 16 team of last season have moved to other clubs. The players found there was too big a gap to the under/19 National Youth League team so they were forced to go elsewhere.

The U15s largely found places in U16. G. Gonzales, B. Radenkovic and C. Spina left this team and were replaced by M. Bratkovic and G. McCulloch.

Half of the 1982 U11 players are now U12, and the U10s are mainly in the 1983 U11s. Pictured here are various junior teams of this famous club.



THE Under-13 Federation team. Left to right — top row — P. Peci (manager), D. Kristan, T. Mammone, S. Nardi, M. Vadala, A. Vidic, R. Milde. Bottom row — M. Mangolini, M. Andreatta, C. Sannio, E. Maurundg, R. Rac. Absent: L. Mangolini (coach) B. Lewis.



THE Under-12 Division 2 — SDSFA. Left to right — top row — T. Sartor (coach), I. Miller (manager), G. Ruabal, L. Ciapponi, R. Bonora, V. Scarcella, N. Musa, T. Karmani, F. Barbaro. Bottom row — J. Smesa, M. Sartor, R. Miller, M. Penna, M. Diacono, D. Peters. Absent: N. Nessionni.

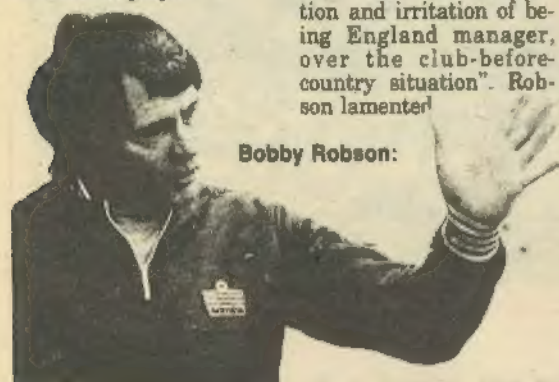


THE Under-11 Division 2 — SDSFA — team of 1982. Left to right — top row — I. Knott (manager), J. Carluccio (masseur), B. Santucci (coach), J. Mammone, S. Cosoleto, S. Radicia, F. Barbaro, G. Carluccio. Bottom row — J. Radicia, E. Monsalve, N. Knott, M. Andreacchio, A. Crowley, M. Santucci. Absent: D. Laguidara, J. Mararchi.

ENGLAND BOSS ANGRY

Football critics in England, have hit out with comments that the coming tour to Australia is "second class".

England's manager, Bobby Robson, struck back angrily at the local Press by saying: "It's a little hurtful that we've lost a lot of players".



Bobby Robson:

"Robson added: 'If we don't get the right results, we will be castigated when we come back. So the results and performances are important.'"

Robson insists that the side he takes to Australia will be "first class".

"It has taken me a year to get used to the frustration and irritation of being England manager, over the club-before-country situation". Robson lamented.

COSTLY BUS RIDE

AN ITALIAN Soccer tribunal has fined European Cup finalists Juventus \$16,000 for an attack by fans on the Inter-Milan team bus earlier this month.

The Tribunal also docked Juventus one League point, awarding Inter both points, although the Turin club still finished second in the League championship behind Roma.

Juventus were punished for an incident on May 1 when fans stoned the coach carrying the Inter players to the stadium in Turin.

Giampiero Marini, who missed the match, and Gabriele Orsini, who played in bandages, were hit on the head, while other players were showered with glass from broken windows.

JUVENTUS PENALISED

Juventus supporters attacked an opposing team's bus and it cost their club a point and a fine of about 14,000 dollars.

Trouble broke out when Juventus supporters attacked the Inter Milan team bus before the May 1 match in Turin which ended in a 3-3 draw.

The Italian Soccer Federation penalised Juventus by stripping them of one point, thus giving victory to Inter Milan.

The local ruling is that a club is fully responsible for the behaviour of its supporters.

The penalties imposed however, did not affect the final league standings in any way.

European Cup finalists Juventus, remained in second spot behind champions AS Roma.

The "win" took Inter to 38 points, just one behind Juventus.

PORTUGAL

Porto - Benfica	0-1
Rio Ave - Porto	0-3
Sporting - Estoril	3-0
Amora - Maritimo	1-2
Alcobaca - Guimaraes	0-1
Braga - Salgueiros	0-3
Espinho - Setubal	2-1
Boavista - Varzim	2-0

Benfica	28	20	7	1	64	13	47
Porto	28	18	7	3	64	17	43
Sporting	28	17	6	5	47	24	40
Guimaraes	28	11	10	7	35	20	32

WEST GERMANY

Eintr. Brunswick - Karlsruhe SC	5-1
FC Kaiser - Hamburger SV	2-2
Borussia Dortmund - Bayern Munich	3-4
FC Nuremberg - Eintracht Frankfurt	4-0
Werder Bremen - Arminia Bielefeld	5-1
Fortuna D'ort - Bayer Leverkusen	4-0

FC Stuttgart - Hertha BSC	4-1
FC Cologne - Borussia M'gladbach	2-1
Schalke 04 - VfL Bochum	2-0

Hamburger SV	32	18	12	2	72	32	48
W. Bremen	32	21	6	5	72	36	48
VfB Stuttgart	32	16	8	6	75	44	44
Bayern M'ch	32	16	10	6	71	30	42
FC Cologne	32	16	9	7	65	38	41

SWITZERLAND

Vevay - Wettingen	0-2
Aarau - Lausanne	2-0
Sion - Lucerne	2-1
Zurich Grasshopper - Basle	1-0
Servette G. - Young Boys Bern	3-0
Winterthur - Neuchâtel Xamax	2-2
St. Gallen - Zurich FC	1-0
Bellinzone - Sion	2-2

Zurich G	25	20	1	4	71	26	41
S. Geneva	25	19	3	3	52	17	41
St. Gallen	25	15	3	7	56	28	33
Lausanne	25	12	5	8	42	27	29
Zurich FC	25	13	3	9	44	34	29
N. Xamax	25	11	6	8	46	36	28
Sion	25	9	10	6	39	30	26
Lucerne	25	12	3	10	53	48	27

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GREECE

Panathinaikos - Olympiakos	0-1
AEK - Doxa	3-1
Yannina - Panionios	1-0
Panachaiki - Iraklis	3-1
Apollon - OFI	4-1
Larisa - Panseiraios	3-0
Nakodionikos - Kastoria	3-0
Ethnikos - Aris	0-0
Rodos - Paok	0-2

Olympiakos	29	18	9	2	43	17	45
Larisa	29	15	9	5	45	23	39
Aris	29	14	10	5	31	16	36
AEK	29	16	6	7	45	32	38
Paok	29	15	6	8	45	24	36

YUGOSLAV

Voj. Novi Sad - Sloboda Tuzla	2-1
Sarajevo - Radnicki Nis	1-2
Partizan Belgrade - Dinamo Zagreb	2-2
Vardar Skopje - Galenika Zemun	1-0
Rijeka - Dinamo Vinko	2-0
Osijek - Dinamo Vinko	4-2
Velez Mostar - Zvezdica Sarajevo	3-1
Red Star Belgrade - Buducnost	1-0
Hajduk Split - Olimpija Ljubljana	1-0

Partizan	29	15	10	4	50	29	40
Dinamo Z	29	13	12	4	50	34	38
Hajduk	29	11	14	4	43	29	36
Red Star	29	12	10	7	49	41	34
Radnicki	29	13	8	8	37	35	34
Vardar	29	11	8	10	35	38	30

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

OVER SEAS



Dennis Tueart: free

TUEART FREED

Dennis Tueart, Manchester City's highly popular England flanker, has been given a free transfer by his relegated club.

City manager, John Benson, took this step as part of his plan to clear out his books for next

season.

Tueart was in his second season with Manchester City, who lost their place in first division after going down to Luton Town.

The former international was first signed by Manchester City from Sunderland back in 1974 for 275,000 Pounds.

After playing 140 League games with City in his first spell, Tueart was transferred in 1978 to the New York Cosmos where he was a sensation. In January 1980, Tueart got his wish to return to English football when he came back to Manchester.

UEFA CUP TO ANDERLECHT

Anderlecht became the only Belgian club to win the UEFA Cup when they drew 1-1 with Portugal's Benfica in the second leg of the final to grab the trophy on a 2-1 aggregate.

Strangely enough, it was a Spaniard who scored the goal that gave Anderlecht Cup victory over the Portuguese.

Juan Lozano, ace-midfielder, who has lived in Belgium since he was a child, struck with a 38th minute equaliser in the second-leg match.

The Belgians came into the match with a slender 1-0 lead thanks to a goal by striker Kenneth Brylle in the first leg in Brussels.

But Benfica levelled the aggregate scores after 32 minutes through Lisboete Sheu who cracked home a smashing shot.

Benfica's joy was short-lived as just six minutes later, Lozano, the best player on the pitch, equalised with a diving header from the far post after

receiving a cross by Belgian International, Vercauteren. Vercauteren had also set up their goal in the first leg.

AXED

SEATTLE Sounders have fired player-coach Alan Hudson, the former Arsenal, Chelsea and Stoke City midfielder wizard.

Hudson's career has been a strange affair.

He even was sent home from an Arsenal tour of Australia for disciplinary reasons. Controversy has dogged his footsteps regularly.

Seattle also sacked another Englishman, manager Alan Hinton, but it was expected that Hudson would escape the axe.

At 32, Hudson says: "I can still do a good job in English football. I would love to finish my playing days back home."



Viva Roma!

Italian Bruno Conti and Brazilian Soccer star Paulo Roberto Falcão, both playing in Roma of Rome team, leave the Olympic stadium at the end of the recent Roma-Torino game. The two were the architects of Roma's victory in the Italian Soccer Championship.

ENGLAND IS NOT SECOND RATE!

By John Economos

THE ENGLAND squad, announced by manager Bobby Robson to tour Australia, is much stronger than the "knockers" would lead you to believe.

In the past we have been hit with predictions of "second or third raters will come".

Sure Glenn Hoddle, Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking are not coming. But why should they?

Arsenal's Kenny Sansom also won't be travelling, but does one realise just who Derek Statham, from West Bromwich Albion, really is?

At this moment Statham is rated equal, if not ahead of England World Cup left-back Sansom.

We asked Australia's manager, Frank Arok, for his comments on England's squad.

Arok said: "Believe me, it is much stronger than I expected, especially in

their striking department, where they are loaded with fire-power."

"I am glad they have picked a strong squad as they are showing us professional respect by sending their big guys."

The squad is: GOAL-KEEPERS: Shilton and Spinks.

DEFENDERS: Neal, Thomas, Statham, Wright, Butcher, Osmond.

MIDFIELDERS: Lee, Gregory, Cowans, Williams.

STRIKERS: Devonshire, Barham, Blissett, Barnes, Francis, Withe, Walsh.

The fact that Robson is travelling with seven specialist strikers and only four specialist midfielders, spells danger for

Australia.

For the opening game against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground, England could take the pitch with the following line-up:

Shilton; Neal, Butcher, Osmond, Statham; Lee and Devonshire; Walsh, Francis, Blissett and Barnes.

That's not a second rate line-up to me!

Arok, at this stage, is tight-lipped about the composition of Australia's final line-up, but could do worse than to come out with:

Greedy; Ratcliffe, Steve O'Connor, Yankos, Davidson; Watson, Cant, J. O'Shea and Katholos; Kosmina and either Soper or Mitchell.

REAL MADRID TO LOOSE STIELEKE

West Germany's World Cup sweeper, Uli Stieleke, seems ready to leave Spain as he may part company with fashionable Real Madrid.

Stieleke said that Real Madrid is showing very little interest in renewing his contract and already has had contact with Italy's Inter Milan.

Three times Real has postponed discussions with their German central-defender cum midfielder, and Uli is frustrated.

"I have told Milan not to contact Madrid before I have spoken to them as I haven't set an ultimatum. I do want to remain at Real, but if they aren't interested, I will have to look elsewhere," Stieleke commented.



UK SOCCER SCENE

LIVERPOOL'S CHEAP BUY

LIVERPOOL seem to specialise in buying unknown players cheaply and developing them into stars. It happened with internationals like Ray Clemence, Emyln Hughes and Kevin Keegan.

Now Liverpool have picked up another potential star for "peanuts." He's a defender from Dublin club Shamrock Rovers, Jim Beglin.



Ray Clemence: investment

\$6 MILLION SELL OUT?

TERRY Venables, manager of promoted QPR, still has ambitions to take over the club entirely.

Present chairman Jim Gregory is ready to sell out for almost \$6,000,000 and providing Venables gets the right financial backing, the deal will go through.

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WHEN a player is kept out of football for 19 months with a broken leg, one tends to think his playing days could be over. Not Alan Cork of Wimbledon, though. Cork made a comeback after that long injury spell and scored a hat-trick in Wimbledon's 4-0 slaughter of Chester. He was given the match ball as a souvenir.

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VLADIMIR PETROVIC, Arsenal's Yugoslav mid-field star, has signed a two year contract with Royal Antwerp, a leading Belgian first division club.

Petrovic, 28, signed in January for Arsenal, but has played only 18 games.

Terry Neill, the Arsenal manager, feels he has failed to adapt to English conditions.

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WIGAN's days in the Football League seem to be numbered. Refused a loan of \$400,000 by their local Council, the club now faces the prospect of going into liquidation.

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PAT Jennings, Arsenal's Northern Ireland international goalkeeper, hopes he'll be picked another four times — at least — for Ireland.

If he is, that'll allow Jennings to chalk up his 100 caps.

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"A GREAT servant for Wales." That's how Welsh team manager Mike England described Swansea's long-serving international

MISERY OF MAINE ROAD

THIS has been a remarkable season for Manchester City, now relegated to the second division.

City were leading the first division in September and in November were only two points behind the eventual champions Liverpool. Then the world crashed around Maine Road.

A change of manager, followed by a dreadful losing sequence, sent City skidding to the bottom of the table and into the second division.

Meanwhile Manchester's other team, United, have had a super season, despite being unable to overhaul the unstoppable Liverpool in the chase for championship.

ROBSON COUNTS BLESSINGS

ENGLAND boss Bobby Robson, though bitterly disappointed that he cannot bring his best England side to Australia in June, is philosophically assessing the situation.

He pointed out that all the abstentions by star players means promotion for several up-and-coming younger players.

"I have to look at this thing positively and see what we can get out of it. And that could be a lot," said Robson.

He added: "The tour will give us the chance to see how some of the younger players, and those on the fringe of the international team, will perform when they pull on an England shirt."

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ALAN BALL, just turned 38, retired as a player after turning out for Bristol Rovers in the final game against Cardiff City his 695th in League Soccer.

He will coach children and holiday camps during the summer months.

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BOB PAISLEY, retiring as Liverpool's manager after a phenomenal nine years, lacked the flamboyance of his predecessor, Bill Shankley.

"Bill always wore steel tips on his shoes so you could hear him coming," Paisley quipped.

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NOT QUITE JIM'S DAY

AS forecast in ASW recently, Jimmy Hill has stepped down as chairman of Coventry City, victim of a board room coup.

The bearded one, who is so well known as presenter of TV's "Match of the Day," was asked to tender his resignation — and did so.

He commented: "Coventry have been 16 years in the first division without winning any honours and this has not satisfied supporters."



BRAZIL STOKES IN ONE

Goalkeeper Peter Fox (left) of Stoke City is beaten by Tottenham Hotspur's Alan Brazil in the third minute at White Hart Lane. London in a Division One game on May 14. Spurs won, 4-1.

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HULL City, trying to stamp out bad language at their home games, installed "swear boxes" at strategic points on their ground. Hull collected \$32. The outer ground brought in \$2 while the remaining \$30 came from the Press Box!

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MIKE ENGLAND, the Welsh team manager, has been given a new three-year contract.

The Welsh Council wanted to give England the chance of taking the principality into the 1986 World Cup finals.

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TREVOR Francis was reckoned to be getting about \$4,000 while with Manchester City. Then he switched to Italy to play for Sampdoria. Did he go for even more money — or because City couldn't afford to pay him?

KNELL FOR BELL

AT 17, Steve Bell of Middlesbrough is rated one of the greatest young talents in England. Even so, he is not very popular with England Youth team manager Graham Taylor. Bell failed to turn up for six of seven training camps arranged by Taylor, causing Taylor to comment: "I only want players who want to play for England."

Malcolm Allison, Middlesbrough's boss, naturally enough sticks up for Steve Bell. Said Allison: "I'm sorry this has happened but it is not important for Boro or the player. He is certain to play for England's full team."

TREVOR TOUGHER TODAY

MOST English players like to complain about the treatment they get when they play against European opposition.

Not Trevor Francis, though. He reckons his spell in Italy with Sampdoria has improved his football enormously.

Francis was England's best player in the Wembley match against Hungary, despite taking some heavy knocks. He claims he has been toughened up in Italy.

"I feel stronger because of the type of defending I meet every week," he said. "A lot of people thought I took rough treatment from the Hungarians but it's far rougher in Italian football."

Could it be that, at 29, Francis is at last about to justify the "wonder boy" tag he's had around his neck since he was a brilliant 16 year-old discovery?

SUCH A FISHY TALE FROM PORTHCAWL!

PORTHCAWL Town, who play in the South Wales Amateur League, have landed a sponsor . . . the owner of a fish and chip shop in the seaside resort!

Local fish fryer Claude Wintle is sponsoring the club to the tune of \$450 which has been spent on playing gear. He is also providing free fish and chips after each home game.

This is possibly Britain's smallest-ever sponsorship but it means a lot to the lads at Porthcawl. Players pay a pound every week for the privilege of playing for the club and that's virtually Porthcawl's only income.

"We would have been under great financial stress if we hadn't hooked Charlie," said secretary Roger Cook.

"You could say we might have had our chips!" Player-manager Robert Howe now reveals that he set up the sponsorship deal in a Porthcawl pub. "I waited until Claude had a few drinks and then I put the proposal to him."

And Claude Wintle confirms this when he said: "If I'd been sober, I might have turned them down."

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ABERDEEN, the European Cup Winners' Cup champions, and Dundee, the new League champions, will provide 10 of Scotland's players for two British championship matches.

Aberdeen, who beat Real Madrid 2-1 in the Cup Winners' Cup final, have six players in the 21-man squad for the games against Northern Ireland and Wales.

Dundee, who won the Premier Division title for the first time, have four.

Manager Jock Stein recalled Wolves striker Andy Gray, out of favour for the previous 18 months, to replace Liverpool's injured attacker Kenny Dalglish, voted Player-Of-The-Year in the English League.

Goalies: Leighton (Aberdeen), Thomson (St Mirren); Defenders: Dawson (Rangers), Frank Gray (Leeds), Narey (Dundee), Aitken (Celtic), Gough (Dundee), Hegarty (Dundee), McLeish (Aberdeen), Miller (Aberdeen); Mid-field: Bett (Rangers), Burns (Celtic), Simpson (Aberdeen), Souness (Liverpool), Strachan (Aberdeen), Wark (Ipswich); Forwards: Andy Gray (Wolves), Nicholas (Celtic), Sturrock (Dundee), Weir (Aberdeen), Brazil (Tottenham).

